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UFC fighters Chuck Liddell, left, and Rich Franklin, right, stare each other down as UFC president Dana White looks on following a press conference for UFC 115 in Vancouver on Thursday. Coverage of the pre-fight press conference, page 2.

Van too 'hot' not to come back: UFC

Insurance costs, lack of sanctioning body, won't keep fights away

CRAIG NIELSEN
for Metro Vancouver

Reports that UFC 115 in Vancouver is a "one-off" are inaccurate, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and UFC president Dana White said Thursday.

Earlier this week, Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang characterized to media the city's chances of a repeat performance as bleak. His reason was the lack of a provincial sanctioning body, leading to sky-high insurance prices for the UFC.

When asked at Thursday's UFC 115 press conference at GM Place how much more the promotion had to shell out in insurance to come to Vancouver, White's response was, "a lot more."

While he was quick to add that it wasn't a problem, it's been quotes like this that have led to rampant speculation the UFC is done with Vancouver.

The question is what does "a lot more" mean? Is it millions? If it were, it would mean the UFC wouldn't make much money considering it is expecting its gate to reach just over $4 million.

UFC vice-president of regulatory affairs Marc Ratner set the record straight.

"It's tens of thousands, it's not millions or hundreds of thousands ... it's not a hindrance."

Robertson, whose son is involved in taekwondo, was mystified by Jang's comments.

"I'm not sure where that came from. My sense from talking to the UFC is that they're interested in doing more events in Vancouver."

All parties agree a provincial sanctioning body would make a return visit a lot easier.

Ratner said the UFC is in talks with Victoria about making changes, but that it hasn't hindered them from planning for the future.

"This area is so hot we'd like to make it an annual or every 18-month event."

It's free

- UFC 115 weigh-ins are free at GM Place on Friday at 3 p.m.

Shatner: All systems go for salmon protection

ENVIRONMENT William Shatner wants British Columbia's wild salmon to live long and prosper. The Canadian icon, famous for playing Star Trek's Capt. James T. Kirk, has waded into efforts to protect wild fish from sea lice.

Fin Donnelly, the federal NDP Fisheries and Oceans critic, introduced a private member's bill last month that would force fish farm operators to move from open nets along the B.C. coast to closed-containment systems.

Shatner

Shatner joined Donnelly on a conference call Thursday. "As a father and a grandfather (it's my) wish that my offspring live to see the same things I did, the wildlife and the wilderness," said Shatner, who dialled in from Los Angeles.

Shatner, 79, said he gained personal experience with B.C. fish while filming in the province.

"I learned and saw firsthand not only the beauty of British Columbia, but saw how, and was lectured on how, this basic species — salmon — feed and nurture not only the animals that are on the land but the sea as well," he said.

Last year, Ottawa ordered a federal commission to examine the collapse of sockeye salmon stocks after just one-tenth of an estimated 10.5 million sockeye returned to the Fraser River.

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People driving across the new Port Mann bridge will have two days to pay their fees or their tolls will almost double, according to documents released to the B.C. NDP obtained under access to information. They show the province plans a fine of $2.30 on top of the $2.85 levy if the toll isn't paid within two days and if the car doesn't have an onboard transponder.

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News in brief

DZIEKANSKI The final report into the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport will be made public within two weeks. B.C. Attorney General Mike de Jong says cabinet has completed its review of the Braidwood Inquiry report, though he can't say much more until it's released.

OFFENDER Vancouver police issued a warning Thursday about a high-risk sex offender who walked away from a halfway house. Clifford Joseph, 26, was on statutory release for assault, kidnapping and unlawful confinement.

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Fighters Mirko Cro Cop, left, and Pat Barry, right, joke around as they pose for photographs while UFC president Dana White looks on following a press conference for UFC 115 on Thursday.

Vets set to square off

Franklin, Liddell in good spirits ahead of UFC 115

Chuck Liddell and Rich Franklin, headliners at this weekend's UFC event in Vancouver, were all smiles Thursday ahead of punching each other in the face at GM Place Saturday night.

Both fighters claimed to have no dislike of the other during the final press conference for UFC 115.

Despite the niceties, Liddell said he was in the best shape of his life and that he's "going to come out on top."

Franklin, who described Liddell as a "great fighter," said his opponent "has a few tricks up his sleeve" and won't solely be looking for the knockout.

UFC president Dana White said that since Tito Ortiz dropped out of the fight due to injury, "the hostility is not the same."

It's sure to return in the octagon as both aging fighters are coming off losses and need a win to keep their careers going.

The jovial mood was also present between the two heavyweights at the press conference, Mirko Cro Cop Filipovic and Patrick Barry, who admitted to idolizing his opponent.

When Barry asked Cro Cop for an autograph, the Croatian replied he'll get one on Saturday night.

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Canadians

- There are three Canadians on the card for UFC 115. Rory Mcdonald fights out of Kelowna and is on the main card. David Louiseau and Claude Patrick both fight on the prelim card.

Police step up cyclist patrols for Bike Month

CAMPAIGN Vancouver police say not wearing a helmet and riding on the sidewalk might just earn you a ticket during Bike Month.

The VPD initiated a campaign yesterday to improve cyclist education — and beef up enforcement — throughout the summer.

"We'll give people a bit of leeway," said Sgt. Paul Ballard, adding that police will give cyclists one warning before issuing a ticket.

He added that enhanced enforcement applies to all road and vehicle users, including drivers.

After all, continued Ballard, the VPD hopes to encourage bike education, not just penalize cyclists who break the rules.

"We really want to encourage cyclists to behave like law-abiding motorists," added Sgt. Brian Green. This includes heeding road signs and traffic lights.

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Fines

- A typical ticket for riding without a helmet will cost a cyclist $29 under the Motor Vehicle Act, while more serious operational offences may range up to $109.

School board ordered to make new budget based on report

SPENDING Education Minister Margaret MacDiarmid is ordering the Vancouver School Board to come up with a new budget modelled on the recommendations of a report by the comptroller general that found it guilty of financial mismanagement.

MacDiarmid says the board has dismissed many of the recommendations, which she says would help reach a balanced budget that saves money, reduces waste and is in the best interests of students.

She's ordered the board to direct its management team to produce a new balanced budget based on the report. She wants a draft version by June 18 before the Vancouver School Board votes on the spending plan.

The education minister and the board have been at loggerheads since the board announced deep staff and program cuts because of a multimillion-dollar budget shortfall it blames on underfunding from the province.

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Of Canada's 22-man roster at the 1986 World Cup, 14 players were either born in B.C. or came through the provincial soccer system. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'Caps look to Sounders' 'crazy' community

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Vancouver's expansion Major League Soccer team has seen the future — and it's a horde of pea-green, towel-waving lunatics about four hours down the I-5.

About 60 fans, Whitecaps staff and reporters boarded a pair of buses Thursday afternoon to take part in the "loud-and-proud" party of a Sounders FC match in Seattle.

"They've got a great atmosphere," said Whitecaps CEO Paul Barber. "They've got fantastic support ... and it sets a benchmark for the rest of us to live up to and hopefully to surpass."

Seattle has 30,000-plus season ticket holders and the atmosphere is impressive to behold.

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Sounders FC fans march to Qwest Field in Seattle Thursday evening prior to the match against D.C. United.

An hour before match, about a thousand fans gather in a park to listen to a raucous brass band, Sound Wave.

Then as a group, they march down brick-lined Occidental Avenue toward Qwest Field, waving their scarves and chanting fight songs.

"Everyone is just in a riot the whole time," said Seattle fan Michael Lange. "When you're surrounded with other people that love soccer as much as you do, you really get a sense of community. You can all just go crazy and no one will care."

During the game, no one sits. In the south end, they dance, chant, heckle visiting D.C. United, wave their scarves and cheer and cheer.

"I have no doubt, " said John Knox, president of the Southsiders fan club, "that whatever Seattle has done to capture that magic, Vancouver's going to do the same, if not better."

"It sets a benchmark for the rest of us to live up to and hopefully to surpass."
Paul Barber

Whitecaps get kitted out in new uniform designs

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CLOTHING Capitalizing on the worldwide swell of soccer-love on the eve of the 2010 World Cup, the Vancouver Whitecaps FC unveiled the new "kit" that they will wear when they take to the pitch in their inaugural season in Major League Soccer next year.

Men's team captain Martin Nash and women's team striker Kara Lang showed off the new uniforms at Bell Canada's office in Vancouver Thursday. Bell was unveiled as the premier founding and shirt sponsor.

The undisclosed multi-year deal includes a mobile content agreement that will give the ability to, among other things, broadcast Whitecaps games on Bell smart phones.

The mobile provider will also donate $100,000 per year to the Whitecaps Foundation. The two organizations will additionally establish a "sport innovation council."

The primary kit is all white, with horizontal navy stripes and the word Bell, written across the chest. The new Whitecaps logo, which was unveiled on Tuesday, sits high on the left side of the chest. The triple Adidas stripe runs across the shoulders and down both long-sleeves, interrupted at the elbow by a Canadian flag.

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Women's team striker Kara Lang and men's team captain Martin Nash show off the team's new uniform Thursday.

The secondary kit is the deep navy blue of the new logo. It is short sleeved or long sleeved and lacks the horizontal stripes across the chest.

Canada should be a regular Cup contender: Lenarduzzi

TOURNAMENT Canada should be a regular contender to represent North and Central America in the World Cup, said Bob Lenarduzzi.

The Whitecaps president was part of the squad that made Canada's lone World Cup appearance in 1986 in Mexico. "I thought we should be back, if not for every World Cup, then certainly on a regular basis," Lenarduzzi said.

The top three nations in CONCACAF qualify for the World Cup. The fourth-place team can also qualify through a playoff against the fifth place South American team.

"We should be finishing in the top four in CONCACAF," said Lenarduzzi.

"We need to change the landscape of this game in this country, from the governance, right down to player development."

The United States, Mexico and Honduras qualified from CONCACAF this year.

In 1986, Canada failed to pass the first round, dropping its first match 0-1 to France with a late goal. It then lost to Hungary and the Soviet Union, both with a score of 0-2.

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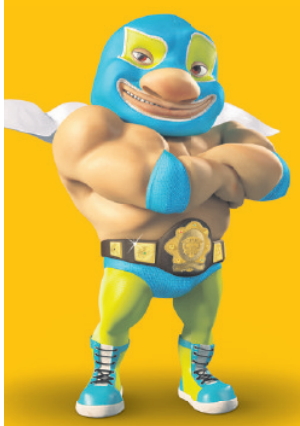

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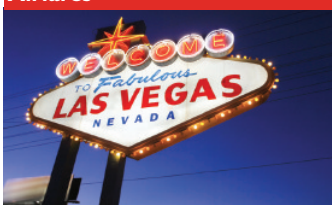

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Judge upholds Greens' move

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A B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled that Charles Gauthier, executive director of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA), did not breach a confidentiality agreement or the rules of the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal in speaking to the media about the Downtown Ambassadors hearing. The plaintiffs, Pivot Legal Society and the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU) brought the allegations before the province's highest court in November 2009.

The judge ordered Pivot Legal Society to pay many of the DVBIA's legal fees incurred while disputing the accusations. He also rescinded a prior award of $2,000 in the plaintiffs' favour.

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"We think it's a terrible ruling (that the B.C. Supreme Court made), and we hope our lawyers will appeal it," said VANDU staff member Aiyanas Ormond.

On the other hand, Ormond added that he's satisfied with the human rights tribunal process, and the discussion it has encouraged among VANDU members and Vancouver's marginalized citizens.

"We're elated with the decision," said Gauthier, who added that he had received many well-wishes from his organization's membership.

While Gauthier said he believes the human rights hearing will extend beyond this month, he is pleased that the Ambassadors now have the opportunity to present their side of the story.

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Sochi to seed clouds for snow

OLYMPICS Russia will use cloud-seeding techniques to prevent rain and ensure ideal snow conditions during the 2014 Winter Olympics, the local organizing committee leader said Thursday.

Dmitry Chernyshenko said organizers are developing several contingency plans — including stockpiling snow and dispersing clouds — to avoid the weather problems that plagued this year's Vancouver Olympics. Seeding clouds, Chernyshenko said, will mean "the rain will fall in another region, not in the region of the competition." February's Vancouver Games suffered weather postponements and delays.

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News in brief

PRIVACY The B.C. government can continue withholding detailed breakdowns of abortion statistics, the province's information and privacy watchdog has ruled.

NEEDLES Abbotsford City Council is considering lifting its ban on needle exchanges, due to a high rate of hepatitis C in the city, which has outlawed supervised injection sites since 2003.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED The RCMP say a 61-year-old Chilliwack man who's been missing for a month may have been murdered. Michael Coutinho was reported missing on May 10, his car was found burning two days earlier near a popular off road track.

AIR INDIA REPORT At long last, the final report on the Air India bombing that occurred 15 years ago will be released June 17, says the commission at the helm of the investigation. Air India Flight 182 went down off the coast of Ireland on June 23, 1985 killing all 329 occupants.

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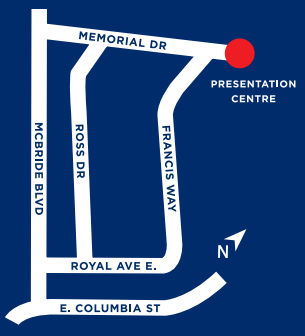

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Canada an economic role model, ex-British PM tells the world

Former British prime minister John Major says Canada should be used as a role model as countries restructure their finances. Major told an international economic forum in Montreal the efforts of then-prime minister Jean Chrétien and his finance minister Paul Martin are good examples to follow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Online option for voters?

Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand, left, says voters should be able to register online — an attractive option for younger voters. This is one of 55 recommendations Mayrand makes in a report on lessons learned in the wake of the last election.

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Feds spend $5M on oil cleanup

ENVIRONMENT As thousands of oil spills gurgle into Canadian waters annually, the federal government is preparing to spend up to $5 million over the next three years to clean up some of the mess.

Officials estimate a dozen oil spills — of about 4,000 litres each — are reported every day. The government is seeking contractors to respond to spills in Quebec's coastal waters and in the high-traffic St. Lawrence.

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News in brief

AFGHANISTAN A suicide bombing that killed at least 40 people at a wedding in southern Afghanistan is an example of the callous disdain the Taliban holds for human life, Canada's foreign affairs minister said Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kandahar **A $50-million project in his sights**

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A Canadian soldier uses his rifle sights to survey the Arghandab River as it flows toward the Dahla dam, 35 kilometres northeast of Kandahar. Canada is spending $50 million to refurbish the 57-year-old dam and irrigation system, left in ruins after nearly 30 years of conflict in the region. Canada's signature project in Afghanistan finally shifted from the planning stage to shovels in the ground a few months ago, but remains fraught with problems.

Bail hearings get new 'gag'

The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld a defendant's right to an automatic publication ban on evidence at their bail hearing.

The high court dismissed appeals Thursday brought by news organizations that argued judges should have the final say on pretrial publication bans.

The 8-1 ruling upholds a Criminal Code provision that makes a publication ban at a bail hearing mandatory if an accused person requests one.

Observers say it's a setback for media organizations that were trying to loosen the restrictions on pretrial reporting in the age of the 24-7 news cycle.

The case was brought by the Associated Press, CBC, CTV, Toronto Star and Edmonton Journal.

Dave Tomlin, associate general counsel for The Associated Press, said: "The ban as it stands now is censorship."

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Ottawa adds pushing Ethiopia to free imprisoned Canadian to its G20 agenda.

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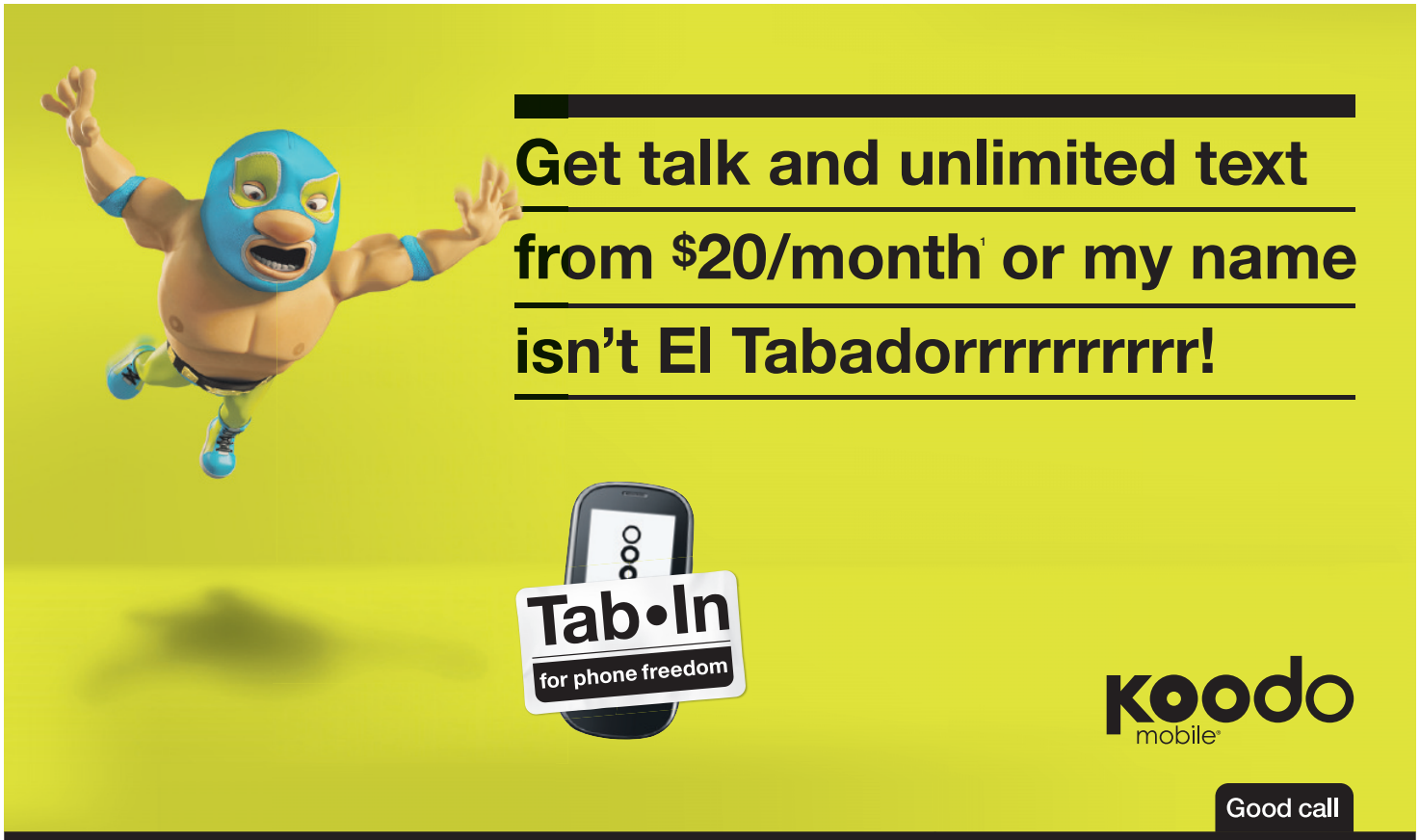

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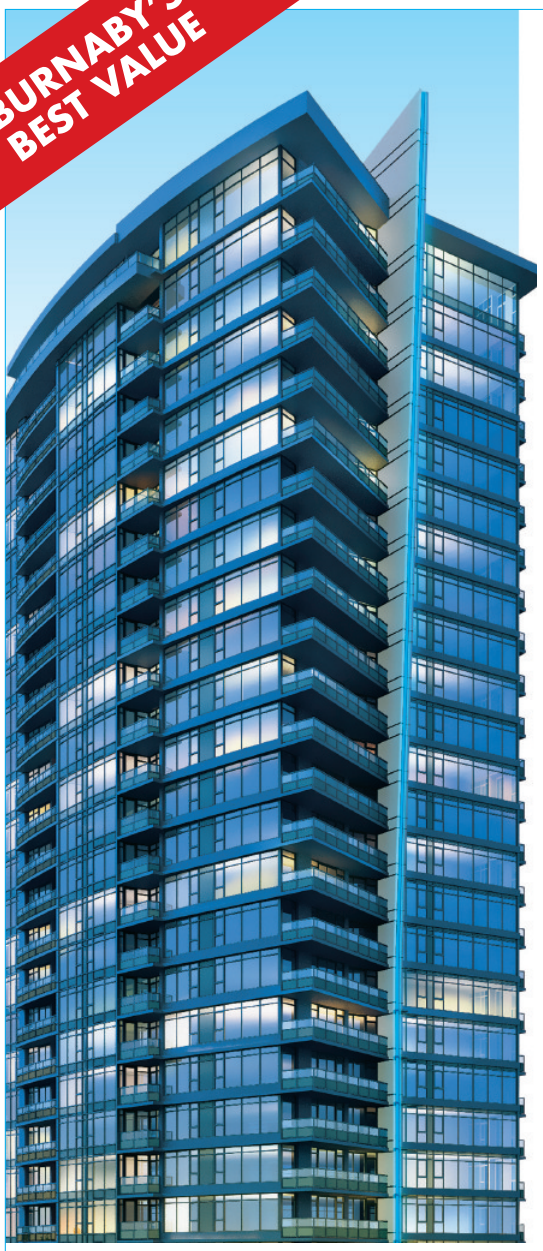

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Canadian fisherman missing in Montana

A 55-year-old man from Ontario is missing after the raft he was fishing from capsized in Rock Creek in southwestern Montana. Officials say the man was reported missing at about 5:15 p.m. Wednesday about 25 miles up Rock Creek Road, south of Clinton. He was wearing waders, but no life jacket. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Expect plenty of 'sick' days taken during the World Cup

Employees looking for ways to catch games from South Africa

Jeff Cooper is one of the lucky ones.

As head of marketing for Adidas Canada, one of six global sponsors of the FIFA World Cup, he's expected to watch at least part of the games while at work.

"The games are on all the TVs in the offices and in the conference room and the cafeteria," Cooper said. "We encourage people to come down on their breaks or at lunch to watch the games."

But for many other soccer fans, it's going to be tricky catching the games live during the work day, when most games will be played, especially if you work in an emergency services such as policing or health care.

For Canadians born in such countries as Brazil, where soccer is huge, work stops when the home team plays a World Cup game. It's just part of the culture.

Studies show absenteeism soars during special events such as the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup, which involves at least six hours of play a day for the next 30 days.

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In this year's host country, South Africa, the event is expected to cost employers the equivalent of $100 million Cdn.

Because of the seven-hour time difference, in Canada most the games will be broadcast live and streamed online during the work day, starting at 7 a.m. PST Friday with the opening match between South Africa and Mexico.

CBC plans to replay the most popular games during prime-time evening hours. But for die-hard fans, it's not the same. By then everyone will know the score.

So what are the options?

Some may resort to calling in sick while others may try to secretly watch the games on their desktop computers, a trend dubbed "virtual absenteeism."

And while technically you can get fired for playing hooky, especially if you've got a bad track record in that area, most employers will be lenient during special events, legal and employee benefit experts say.

"If somebody's been a model employee, only minor discipline would be appropriate. A reprimand or a warning," said Brian Smeenk, a partner in the Toronto office of law firm Fasken Martineau. "If the person has a record of unauthorized absences, more serious discipline would be appropriate, up to and including dismissal."

Enlightened employers see major events, like the FIFA World Cup, as an opportunity to build morale by giving their staff a "little leeway," said Karen Seward, executive vice-president of business development and marketing at employee benefits consultant Shepell-fgi.

"If employees have put in a lot of lieu time this is the time to take it," Seward said.

Over at the Adidas office, many of the 100 employees will be wearing their favourite team jersey Friday.

Located near Woodbridge, Ont., with a large Italian population, it's not surprising the biggest contingent on staff is supporting the Italian team, Cooper said.

In the office pool, Cooper placed his bets on Spain, a team Adidas sponsors, and Germany, home of Adidas's global headquarters. But his sentimental choice is the United States., because he grew up in Queens, N.J.

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Film director James Stewart using a 3-D camera system.

Getting ready for the 3-D TV revolution

TECHNOLOGY Put on those specs, couch potatoes — 3-D is poised to revolutionize TV, say industry players who will be touting the technology at the Banff World Television Festival this weekend.

The advent of 3-D TV will be a key focus of the annual industry conference, where heavyweights including Brit comic Ricky Gervais, reality show titan Nigel Lythgoe, and Canadian icon William Shatner will share their thoughts on the future of the small screen.

The four-day festival kicks off Sunday with a session outlining the nuts-and-bolts of 3-D production in the wake of Avatar's stunning success at the box office and a flood of 3-D television sets entering the market.

"It's a really important piece of the puzzle and it's 2010's hot-button topic," says festival director Peter Vamos.

"The theory of make it grander, make it bigger and that you can fight the piracy that way is part of the conversation but it's also really cool, interesting technology. ... From the standpoint of just viewing and enjoying something, it can be quite a spectacle."

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Peter Vamos,
TV festival director

Broadcasters, show creators and service providers are scrambling to be among the first to offer eye-popping sports and event programming, says 3-D guru James Stewart, who will lead Sunday's session.

"The acceleration of all this is unbelievable," says Stewart, president of the Toronto-based Geneva Film Co., which mainly creates 3-D ads for theatrical release. "Literally six months ago, 3-D TV was two years away. Now it's two weeks away. It's been incredible. There are movies being shot in 3-D, we're certainly doing a lot of commercial work, music videos..."

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News in brief

LAW The Harper government has salvaged its faltering refugee reform legislation by working out a deal of its own with the ``socialists and the separatists.'' Immigration Minister Jason Kenney hailed the compromise with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois as a "win-win'' and said it shows a minority Parliament can work. "We found very reasonable compromises," he said, adding he hopes the bill can be law by Canada Day. MPs on the immigration committee hashed out the details late Wednesday, emerging with all-party support for a bill that is substantially different than what was originally tabled this spring. Generally, the reforms aim to deter fraudsters from manipulating Canada's system, but also speed approvals for legitimate applicants. The Tories have repeatedly hammered the Liberals in Parliament for co-operating with the NDP and Bloc, referring to an opposition coalition of socialists and separatists. Kenney said last week that he thought he had a deal with the Liberals, but the Liberal caucus balked at the package, and key refugee advocates as well as the Canadian Bar Association came out against it too.

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Habs great appeals verdict

COURTS Montreal Canadiens great Guy Lafleur is appealing the guilty verdict against him for giving contradictory testimony during his son's bail hearing. The Hockey Hall of Famer wasn't in court on Thursday as his two lawyers argued the modified warrant used to arrest Lafleur was out of line.

Guy Lafleur

Lafleur was convicted in May 2009 of giving contradictory testimony at a bail hearing for his son Mark in September 2007.

The former star originally failed to mention a number of hotel visits his son made, but subsequently brought them up after the Crown had caught wind of the stays. Lafleur's lawyers argued Judge Claude Parent committed an error by not taking into consideration that their client thought the court-ordered curfew for Mark Lafleur applied to the hours and not the location.

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Lancias to be manufactured in Ontario soon?
Chrysler's Canadian workers haven't received official word that they'll be building Fiat's Lancia-brand luxury vehicles, but a union leader says it would be "perfect" for the company's Brampton, Ont., plant. Industry research firm AutomotiveCompass has said it believes Chrysler will begin building Lancias in Brampton beginning in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec City **Asbestos at work?**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec Solidaire Leader Amir Khadir holds up a picture he says shows an unprotected Indian worker using asbestos imported from Quebec while questioning the government over the security measures of the product on Thursday at the legislature in Quebec City.

PM's aides could be found in contempt

Soudas among those skipping hearings

The top spin doctor for the prime minister and two other aides have one more chance to show up at an ethics committee before MPs look into whether they should face parliamentary punishment.

A bailiff had tried unsuccessfully for two weeks to serve summonses to Dimitri Soudas, the director of communications to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and to Jillian Andrews, policy adviser to Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis to appear before a Commons ethics committee.

Members of the committee studying allegations of political interference in the processing of access to information requests decided earlier this week to consider the summonses officially served, and Soudas was scheduled to appear Thursday.

But the witness chair remained empty and his nameplate was removed before the meeting was underway, the result of a recent decision by the Conservative government that ministerial aides would no longer appear as witnesses at parliamentary committees and that their bosses would take questions and responsibility on their behalf.

Dimitri Soudas

"I think it's extremely troubling that Mr. Soudas isn't here," said NDP MP Bill Siksay. "I think it's unfortunate that he's been told not to appear by his boss and by the government and I think that we have to pursue this."

Bloc Québécois MP Carole Freeman expressed surprise that it was happening given the government's tough-on-crime agenda.

"We are aware of the concern for law and order of the government, therefore how can it be that a prime minister, directly or indirectly, does not incite his employee to appear before the committee? This is hindering justice."

Members eventually agreed that if Soudas, Andrews and Sebastien Togneri — another aide to Paradis who has failed to appear — do not show up at its next meeting on June 15, it will send a report to the House of Commons that could read the committee "has reason to believe a potential breach of privilege has occurred," which would set in motion a process that could lead to the no-show witnesses being found in contempt of Parliament.

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Two men charged in fatal stabbing

EDMONTON Police in Edmonton have charged two men in the fatal stabbing of a foreign worker who was about to return home to Thailand.

The 37-year-old was trying to help some friends who had been attacked by up to six people demanding money near a convenience store early Sunday.

He died in hospital.

Michael John Stewart, 21, of no fixed address has been charged with second-degree murder, robbery and possession of a weapon. Accused of robbery and assault is Kyle Anthony Brooks, 18, also of no fixed address.

Police are still looking for five others who are persons of interest in the case.

Images of two males and three females were captured on video at a light-rail transit station near the University of Alberta Hospital.

It's believed all the attackers were white, but police have said there is no immediate evidence to suggest the unprovoked assault was racially motivated.

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Canadian doc's assistant expected to plead out

ATHLETES A Canadian sports doctor's assistant who's accused of bringing human growth hormone into the United States for her boss is scheduled to take a plea later this month in federal court in Buffalo.

Mary Anne Catalano's September 2009 arrest at a Buffalo border crossing led to charges in both countries against Anthony Galea, a Toronto physician who's treated high-profile athletes including Tiger Woods.

Catalano was charged in September with smuggling and has co-operated with investigators. A lesser charge of lying to border officers was added last month.

A Thursday court calendar entry shows a plea set for June 24. Catalano's Toronto attorney, Calvin Berry, said he expects all to be resolved then but wouldn't elaborate.

U.S. Attorney William Hochul declined comment. Galea's lawyer Brian Greenspan says it's their position that the charges are without merit.

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News in brief

TRIAL The trial of a Regina doctor accused of sexually assaulting six female patients had to briefly adjourn when a fourth complainant broke down on the stand. The 19-year-old woman testified she went to Dr. Edward Poon in 2008 for an ear infection. She told court Poon checked her ears, then proceeded to examine her neck and breasts. The woman said the appointment lasted at least 90 minutes and she felt violated by the experience.

TICK ATTACK When a Prince George, B.C. toddler couldn't walk without falling down, her parents feared the worst — possibly a brain tumour. But it turned out to be simply a blood-engorged tick on her head. Doctors have removed the tick and young Payton Devlin has made a full recovery.

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Police probe attempted attack on union boss

Police are investigating an attempted arson attack against the head of Quebec's most powerful construction workers' union. Traces of an accelerant and a road flare were found under the truck of union president Yves Mercure as it sat parked in front of his home in Repentigny, near Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clement cherry picked funding, says official

TOURISM Popular events in Montreal and Toronto that lost out on federal funding this year have Industry Minister Tony Clement to thank for the lack of cash in their coffers.

Clement himself chose which events would receive financing under the Conservative's controversial marquee tourism events program.

The government was heavily criticized by the opposition and event organizers when the funding announcement was made in mid-May.

Festivals like Les Francofolies de Montreal were refused $1.5 million it expected in federal funding for 2010. The announcement came about a month before the event was to be held. During a parliamentary committee on Thursday, Richard Dicerni, deputy minister of Industry Canada, said Clement had final say on which projects would be funded.

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Starvation gaffe causes stir

It started off well enough. Beauty queen Tiffany Munro was talking to Oshawa, Ont., high school students about body image, saying she put on weight to enter the Miss Universe Canada competition.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beauty queen Tiffany Munro of Edmonton talks to students at G.L. Roberts High School in Oshawa, Ont., Thursday about body image. During the chat, Munro made a gaffe about starving kids.

Pageant organizers, the 26-year-old said, didn't want them looking anorexic, "like some little African child with the ribs going on."

Rumblings and muted jeers erupted from the audience at G.L. Roberts Collegiate and Vocational Institute, and a fellow contestant who had just described her experience in a Rwandan refugee camp gasped in shock.

The event Thursday morning was to have been a chance for the pageant's 62 contestants to practise their public speaking skills. For Munro, it was a hard lesson learned.

"Skeletons," the Edmonton native said later. "I meant to say they don't want us to look like skeletons. But I'm still half-asleep after having to get up at 5 a.m." Munro, a filmmaker who has her own production company, said she was apologizing to everyone for the gaffe that "just slipped out."

African-born Solange Tuyishime, 26, spent much of her time onstage being consoled by another contestant. "I was hurt" by the reference to "stereotypical images they show on TV," she said in an interview. "It's very sad that in 2010 when we make references to the poor, we think of African children, because poverty is everywhere."

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Accused gave police body's location

MURDER TRIAL The man accused of killing Jennifer Horne told police that he woke up the day after the two had gone out for drinks to find her lifeless body bound in duct tape and in the trunk of his car.

In a tearful videotaped statement with Halifax police on Dec. 31, 2007, Desmond Maguire said officers would find Horne's body in the closet of his apartment in Dartmouth.

"I don't remember too much of that night. She's in the closet. She's not alive," he said in the video shown to a Nova Scotia Supreme Court jury Thursday.

"I didn't mean to do it."

"I didn't mean to do it."
Desmond Maguire

Maguire, 39, is on trial for first-degree murder in the death of Horne, a 20-year-old co-worker he had been dating.

He told police the two had gone for a drink at the Thirsty Duck pub in Halifax on Dec. 29, after Horne got off work from the retirement home where they were both employed.

He said they left the bar after about an hour and that he had too much to drink.

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Toronto **No-go zone**

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A police cruiser patrols Thursday around the fence that surrounds the Metro Toronto Convention Centre that will host the G20 summit later this month.

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Simpson's lawyer to ask to overturn conviction

O.J. Simpson's lawyer calls time a big hurdle he'll face when he asks the Nevada Supreme Court to overturn the imprisoned former football star's conviction and grant a new trial in a September 2007 hotel room heist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Geithner taken to task over China

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, left, faced a barrage of congressional complaints Thursday over what critics said was the administration's failure to take a tougher stance on Chinese trade issues. One critic said if China does not move soon to allow its currency to rise in value against the dollar, Congress is likely to pass legislation that would impose tough trade sanctions on China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge approves 9-11 health settlement

A U.S. federal judge signed off on a legal settlement Thursday that could pay as much as $713 million to 9-11 responders exposed to World Trade Center dust, and immediately urged thousands of police, firefighters and construction workers to take the deal.

U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein gave his enthusiastic endorsement to the proposed package just three months after sternly rejecting an earlier plan that would have put less money into the hands of workers who got sick after breathing the toxic ash.

He said months of nonstop negotiations had produced a pact capable of ending the seven-year-old case, which pitted New York City officials against thousands of men and women hailed as heroes for their service at the trade centre.

The new proposal would add roughly $125 million to the pot, and include bigger payments for people diagnosed with cancer, an illness that hasn't yet been linked to the dust but is perhaps the most feared among the workers.

"This is a very good deal. I am very excited about this deal," Hellerstein said. "There are 10,000 people out there, and I hope 100 per cent come into it."

John Feal, of the Long Island-based 9-11 victims' group, the FealGood Foundation, praised the improved compensation in the deal but said it still does too little for the sickest responders.

"This settlement is the best way to compensate people who aren't truly sick," he said. "There isn't enough money to give to the people who are seriously sick. This should have been in the billions, not in the millions. But it is better than the first one."

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg issued a statement calling the deal "a fair settlement of a difficult and complex case that will allow first responders and workers to be fairly compensated for injuries suffered following their work at ground zero."

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90 days to decide

- The settlement's success is still highly in doubt. Under the terms of the agreement, 95 per cent of the 10,000 workers involved in the case must opt in for it to be in effect. They must chose quickly. The agreement gives them only 90 days to make up their minds.

Israel Chimps have World Cup fever too

ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A baby chimpanzee plays with a soccer ball a day before the opening of the World Cup football tournament in South Africa, at the Ramat Gan Safari in Israel Thursday. The chimpanzees at the zoo near Tel Aviv received a special treat for the World Cup opening, soccer balls with flags of different countries covered with strawberry jam.

Some U.K. lawmakers want U.S. to go easier on BP as stock continues slide

OIL SPILL The Gulf of Mexico oil spill risked turning into a trans-Atlantic diplomatic rift Thursday after U.S. threats to have BP fork out billions more for the disaster caused a precipitous slide in the blue-chip's stock, hurting retirement savings for millions of Britons.

British lawmakers are even pushing Prime Minister David Cameron to get President Barack Obama to tone down his stinging criticism of the oil company, complaining that the hostile rhetoric will have severe implications for pensioners with nest eggs in the company.

The share slide has since April almost halved BP's market value to 69 billion pounds ($101 billion US), costing it the spot as Britain's biggest company — and some worry it could become a takeover target for upstart firms in Asia.

BP said there was no reason for the stock drop, stressing its strong finances.

In Washington, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs defended the strong U.S. rhetoric directed at BP.

"We are there to ensure that BP is doing everything that it has to do as the responsible party in this disaster," he said.

U.K. lawmakers want Cameron to stress the blue chip company's critical role in the British national economy — some 18 million Britons hold shares in the company in one form or another, many through their pension funds.

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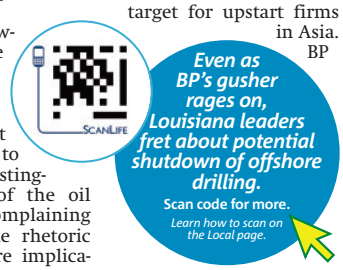

Study: China more peaceful than U.S.

PEACE INDEX Cuba and China are more peaceful than the United States, according to a report published Thursday.

The global peace index, prepared by the Australian-based Institute for Economics and Peace, says the world in general is becoming a more violent place. Iraq is the most violent nation in the world, the report says, followed by Somalia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Pakistan and Israel.

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News in brief

BRAZIL A man accused of imprisoning his daughter for 12 years and fathering her seven children called their relationship consensual Thursday, while a second daughter told authorities she was abused by her father and bore him a son. Police say Jose Agostinho Pereira, 54, could face up to 30 years in prison for allegedly keeping one of his daughters and their children in subhuman conditions in a two-room hut in an isolated, jungle area in northeastern Brazil. In a jailhouse interview, Pereira remained defiant about the accusations that he had seven children with his 28-year-old daughter. "It's a crime, I know it's a crime. But she was also committing it," Pereira told local television station TV Cidade from his jail cell. "I only did it because it was a consenting love. If she had not consented to it, I wouldn't have done it." Lead investigator Adriana Meireles said that another of Pereira's daughters — who is now 31 years old — is accusing him of abuse. Police say they were tipped off about Pereira by anonymous phone calls.

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Dairy farm worker pleads not guilty to abusing cows
An Ohio dairy farm worker accused of abusing cows in a video has pleaded not guilty to 12 counts of cruelty to animals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two pictures painted of Bay area transit cop

Racial overtures in case of officer on trial in killing of unarmed man

Two different portraits of a white transit officer accused of killing an unarmed black man at an Oakland train platform emerged Thursday at the start of a trial tinged with racial overtures that will likely delve into use of force tactics by law enforcement.

The trial, which was moved to Los Angeles, is being watched closely by the Oakland community, where racial tensions overflowed into violence following the 2009 New Year's Day shooting and is somewhat reminiscent of the fallout from the infamous Rodney King beating that eventually resulted in the acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers in 1992.

Deputy District Attorney Dave Stein said in his opening statements that the decisions made by ex-Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer Johannes Mehserle were fueled by misguided emotions as he arrived to a chaotic scene where Oscar Grant, 22, and his friends were being detained by fellow officers.

Mehserle, 28, has pleaded not guilty to murder for pulling out his .40-calibre gun and fatally shooting Grant in the back while he was on the ground.

Defence attorney Michael Rains has long contended his client accidentally pulled out a handgun instead of his stun gun.

Rains disputed Stein's account that Mehserle wasn't calm in the moments before the shooting.

Both attorneys used video clips taken by several bystanders to recount how the shooting occurred. In one snippet, Stein noted that Mehserle looked down at his holster before pulling his gun. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand **The world's game**

DAVID LONGSTREATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

School children hold soccer balls in Bangkok yesterday, a day ahead of the opening of the World Cup soccer tournament in South Africa.

60 million near glaciers could face food shortages: Study

STUDY Nearly 60 million people living around the Himalayas will suffer food shortages in the coming decades as glaciers shrink and the water sources for crops dry up, a study said Thursday.

"The amount of people affected is still large. Every person is one too many, but it's much less than was first anticipated."
Prof. Marc Bierkens, Utrecht University

But Dutch scientists writing in the journal Science concluded the impact would be much less than previously estimated a few years ago by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The UN report in 2007 warned that hundred of millions of people were at risk from disappearing glaciers.

The reason for the discrepancy, scientists said, is that some basins surrounding the Himalayas depend more on rainfall than melting glaciers for their water sources.

Those that do count heavily on glaciers like the Indus, Ganges and Brahamaputra basins in South Asia could see their water supplies decline by as much as 19.6 per cent by 2050. China's Yellow River basin, in contrast, would see a 9.5 per cent increase precipitation as monsoon patterns change due to the changing climate.

"We show that it's only a certain areas that will be effected," said Utrecht University Hydrology Prof. Marc Bierkens, who along with Walter Immerzee and Ludovicus van Beek conducted the study. "The amount of people affected is still large. Every person is one too many, but it's much less than was first anticipated."

Scientists for the most part agree glaciers are melting at an accelerated rate as temperatures increase.

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Fears mount for teen sailor on solo trip

A 16-year-old Southern California girl attempting a solo sail around the world was feared in trouble Thursday in the frigid, heaving southern Indian Ocean after her emergency beacons began signalling and communication was lost.

Abby Sunderland's family was talking with U.S. and international governments about organizing a search of the remote ocean between southern Africa and Australia, family spokesman Christian Pinkston said.

Conditions can quickly become perilous for any sailor exposed to the elements in that part of the world.

"We've got to get a plane out there quick," said Pinkston, adding that the teen's family in was asking for prayers for her safety.

"They are exhausting every resource to try to mobilize an air rescue including discussions with the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Coast Guard and various international rescue organizations," he said. The closest land is France's Reunion Island, east of Madagascar, though the exact distance wasn't clear.

Abby Sunderland

Abby last communicated with her family at 4 a.m. PDT and reported nine-metre swells but was not in distress, Pinkston said.

An hour later the family was notified that her emergency beacons had been activated, and there was no further communication. Pinkston said the beacons were manually activated.

Her brother, Zac, who sailed around the world at age 17, told Los Angeles radio station KNX that Abby was in a heavy storm at the time she called home.

"We're still trying to figure out the rescue situation," he said.

"There's two boats headed out to her position, one is an estimated 40 hours, the other is 48. Right now we're trying to figure out if there is any way faster. She's in the middle of nowhere pretty much in the southern Indian Ocean. There's nothing closer."

He said Abby's boat was likely not completely submerged because another beacon would be triggered at a depth of 4.6 metres.

Abby set sail from Los Angeles County's Marina del Rey in her 12-metre boat, Wild Eyes, on Jan. 23 in an attempt to become the youngest person to sail around the world alone without stopping.

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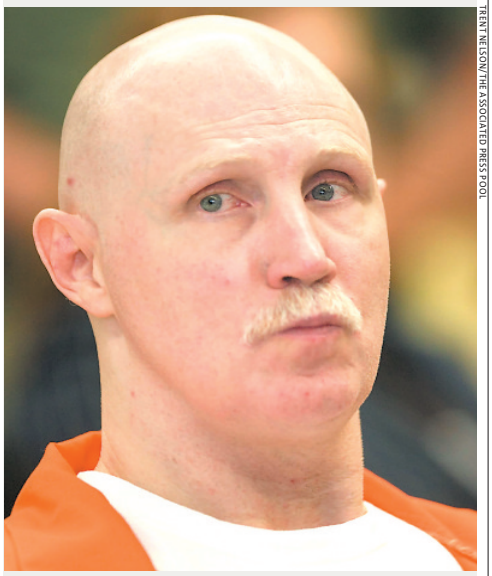
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Ronnie Lee Gardner listens to proceedings during his commutation hearing at the Utah State Prison in Draper, Utah, on Thursday. Nine days before he is set to be executed by a five-man firing squad, Gardner is asking Utah's parole board to commute his death sentence to life in prison. He says he wants to live to help make life better for troubled children. Gardner is scheduled to be executed June 18 for killing a lawyer in 1985.

U.S. commits $124M to fight Caribbean drug trade

FUNDING Alarmed by a dramatic increase in narcotics-related violence in the Caribbean, the Obama administration is pledging to help island nations combat drug and weapons traffickers.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Barbados for a regional meeting of foreign ministers, unveiled the administration's $124 million US Caribbean Basin Security Initiative on Thursday, intended to help countries counter the illegal narcotics and arms trade and help prosecute offenders.

"We all know well that addressing transnational security challenges in the 21st century requires a comprehensive approach," Clinton said.

The program augments similar U.S. co-operation efforts in Mexico, Central America and Colombia and helps Caribbean countries deal with any increase in crime that results from successes there.

Caribbean islands had one of their bloodiest years on record in 2009 as they battled drug-fuelled crime, with Jamaica, the Bahamas and Puerto Rico hitting or coming close to all-time highs for homicides.

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News in brief

RELIGION Pope Benedict XVI strongly defended celibacy for priests as a sign of faith in an increasingly secular world Thursday, insisting on a church tradition that has increasingly come under scrutiny amid the clerical sex abuse scandal. Benedict didn't directly mention the scandal, but in an apparent reference to the crisis, Benedict spoke about "secondary scandals" that showed "our own insufficiencies and sins."

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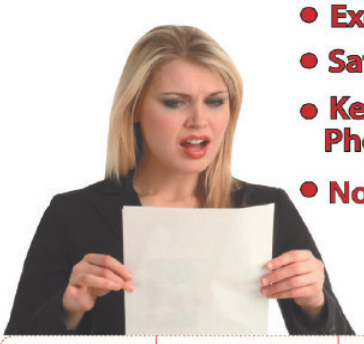
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Stop the schoolyard posturing

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The most vexing issue around here is not, as you might expect me to say, the HST.

Don't get me wrong. A tax revolt led by Bill Vander Zalm targeting Gordon Campbell with Carole James braying on the sidelines has a high vexation index.

But the real bugbear du jour has to be the toxic grudge match between the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and the above-mentioned Campbell government.

The school board says it has a $17-million deficit and will have to stop the music and lay off teachers. At one point, it has even talked about cutting the school year by 10 days.

The government's comptroller general, Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland, says no, the deficit is really more like $11 million, and could be extinguished altogether if the school board managed its affairs better.

As I write, Minister of Education Margaret MacDiarmid is demanding the VSB pay attention to the comptroller, redo the budget and make it balance this time. Dammit.

Sigh. While the grownups indulge themselves in this protracted schoolyard brawl, parents and their kids are left to wonder about ... everything. All this is happening in an increasingly competitive world. To get into UBC these days you need an "A" average. Do you think any of these politicians would make the cut?

Everyone has to do more with less. Starting with Victoria. I don't want to tell Gordon Campbell "I told you so," but spending like a drunken sailor on capital improvements like the state-of-the-art convention centre and the fabulous $685-million roof for B.C. Place (one-third higher than the VSB annual budget) is having a real impact on education, health care and social programs, even if it looks as if the province will be spared many of the ravages of the global recession.

Gordon, you've been bad. Go stand in the corner.

The corner could get crowded because the premier should be joined by the histrionic, posturing know-nothings from the VSB. Instead of threatening to cut off everyone's head, it should shut up and bring the deficit under control. Lost in all the hot air is a simple fact: The VSB has been given a funding increase of half a million bucks this year, despite declining enrolment.

While you're all in the corner, here's your assignment. Write 1,000 times: I will stop all this ridiculous posturing and show some leadership in managing and developing a public education system that will meet our needs through the 21st century.

Class dismissed.

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Worth mentioning

Women bigger flirts than men: Survey

You're at a funeral. You spot someone hot. What do you do?

The heck with grieving. You strike up a conversation, said 55 per cent of women and 45 per cent of men in an online flirting survey. And some would go even further: More than one-third of the men and about one-fifth of the women would ask the hottie out — while still surrounded by mourners.

Although the survey didn't delve into favourite funeral pickup lines — "My, black becomes you" — it did reveal some surprising gender gaps: Women tend to flirt more than men, but men show more expertise and technical flair.

"I would have expected the women to beat the men in general flirting and in quality, but I guess I'm biased," said Ilona Jerabek, president of PsychTests AIM, a provider of psychological assessment products.

The Montreal-based company conducted the online flirting test just for fun, said Jerabek. The survey attracted 3,200 participants, 1,181 male and 2,019 female, ages 15 to 70.

To lure a member of the opposite sex, men's most tried-and-true technique is leaning in while talking. Women's saucy strategy is looking deep into a guy's eyes, according to the survey.

As for types, more women tend to be flitty flirts, simply having fun, anytime, anyplace, with anyone. More men are the singleminded attention-for-sex types, what the survey calls "carnal flirts."

They both turn on the sexual charm for practical gain. For instance: To get out of a ticket, 11 per cent of men would flirt shamelessly with a female police officer. Ditto for eight per cent of women with a male police officer.

To get a better deal on a car, 20 per cent of men would rev up the randiness with a female sales agent — and six per cent would even date her to knock down the price. Ten per cent of women would toss the hair and bat the eyelashes for a male sales agent.

To see the flirting questionnaire, visit testyourself.psychtests.com and click the tab for personality.

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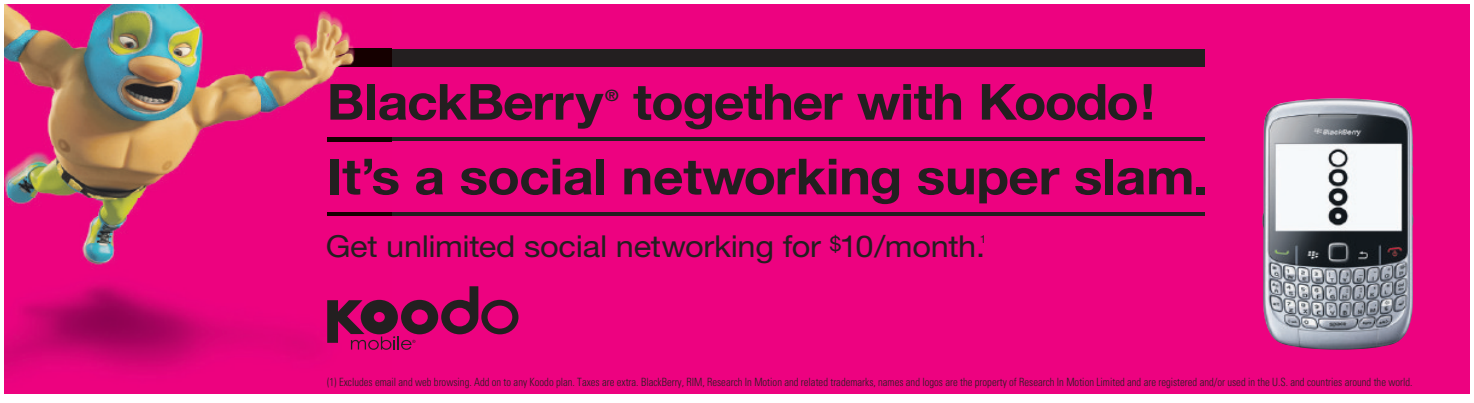

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Housing prices up
The New Housing Price Index rose 0.3 per cent in April following an identical increase in March. Statistics Canada reports St. John's, N.L., recorded the largest price increases between March and April (up 1.1 per cent), followed by Regina and Saskatoon (0.9). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kris Sonnenberg, 38, left, sits with her eight-year-old son Mike, 17-year-old daughter Elise, and 12-year-old son Charlie in their backyard in Chicago. Kris is considered to be a member of Generation X and Elise is Generation Y. Mike and Charlie may end up being member of Generation Z, depending on how the youngest up-and-coming generation will be defined.

Now it's Gen Z?

Whatever they're called, they're savvy

They aren't even out of grade school. But already, people are trying to name the youngest up-and-coming generation, and figure out who they might be and how they might be different from their predecessors.

At a loss for something more original, many call them Generation Z, because they follow Generations X and Y. They've also been referred to as Generation Net or "iGen," since they've never known a world without the Internet.

That's the one point most everyone can agree on — that they are the tech-savviest generation of all time, so much so that even toddlers can manoeuvre their way through YouTube and some first-graders are able to put together a PowerPoint presentation for class.

Most people agree it's just too early to know for sure. But that hasn't stopped marketers from trying to figure out this young crowd of consumers.

Parents, too — many of them Gen Xers — are weighing in, saying they are raising a different brand of kid than baby boomers did.

"I would like to think ... Gen Xers are a bit more freethinking and not necessarily as compelled to keep up with the Joneses," says Kris Sonnenberg, a teacher in Chicago and 38-year-old mother of three children, ages 8, 12 and 17.

Like a lot of kids his age, seven-year-old Ryan Cook uses his dad's laptop by himself with ease. And though he doesn't have a cellphone, he wants one (partly because his 12-year-old brother has one).

That fits with the notion that, recession or no recession, this generation has a big expectation when it comes to technological gadgets.

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Debt crisis not over yet: Carney

ECONOMY While the European debt crisis has only had a "modest" impact on Canada, the crisis isn't over and all governments need to be on healthy fiscal paths, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said Thursday.

"So there's been a modest impact on financial conditions — a slight tightening of financial conditions in Canada — and a modest impact on commodity prices," Carney said at a news conference.

"But it's not over," he said, adding that it is "incredibly important" to execute the right policies to deal with the situation.

The head of Canada's largely independent central bank has been providing similar advice to policymakers for months. His latest speech comes as Canada prepares to play host to G20 and G8 meetings from June 25 to 27, when the world's financial system will be among the main topics.

Mark Carney

Carney said he's encouraged with the measures that European policymakers have taken so far "but I don't think anybody is of the view that more will not be required."

BMO Capital Markets senior economist Michael Gregory said Carney's remarks suggest the Bank of Canada has room to raise its key rates in July — following a quarter-point hike this month.

The central bank's policy rate had been set at an all-time low of 0.25 per cent last year.

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Air Canada loan will buy planes

AVIATION Air Canada says it has received a commitment from GE Japan Corp. for up to $170.5 US million in credit to help finance part of the purchase price for 16 aircraft currently leased and operated by the Canadian carrier. Air Canada said yesterday the loan will be available to finance up to $128.5 million of the cost of buying eight Airbus A319 aircraft and four Boeing B767-300ER aircraft next year. In addition, another $42 million can be used to help buy four aircraft in 2012.

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Lululemon profits triple

APPAREL Lululemon Athletica Inc. zoomed past analyst expectations during the first quarter as the retailer's profits tripled to $19.6 million and revenue grew by nearly 70 per cent.

The Vancouver-based clothing retailer best known for its yoga fashions said Thursday that earnings were 27 cents per share, compared with $6.5 million or nine cents a year ago.

Analysts had expected earnings of 21 cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters.

Net revenues for the quarter ended May 2 rose to $138.3 million, up 69.3 per cent from $81.7 million and ahead of analyst predictions of $128.2 million.

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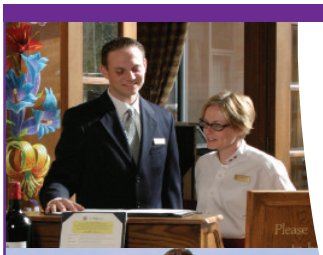

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Cup final most watched NHL game since 1970s

NHL television ratings have bounced back from the post-lockout doldrums — and way beyond. The clincher of the Stanley Cup finals was the most-watched and highest-rated NHL game in 36 years. The Chicago Blackhawks' 4-3 overtime win drew a 4.7 rating and 8 share Wednesday night on NBC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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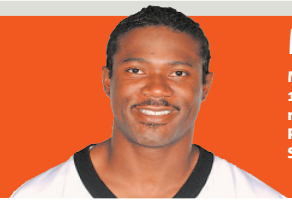

Muhammad retiring

Muhsin Muhammad, left, is retiring from the NFL after spending 11 of his 14 seasons with the Carolina Panthers. The 37-year-old receiver was Carolina's second-round pick in 1996 and made the Pro Bowl three years later. He later served as a complement to Steve Smith on Carolina's Super Bowl team in the 2003 season.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Tampa Bay Lightning have confirmed the hiring of Guy Boucher as their new head coach. The former coach of the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs takes over the Lightning after turning down a job with the Columbus Blue Jackets earlier this week. His hiring is the first major move made by the new Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman.

NBA Tom Izzo is in Cleveland and may finally be ready to jump to the NBA. A person familiar with his travel plans told The Associated Press that the Michigan State coach arrived in Cleveland on Thursday afternoon. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Cavs are not commenting on their coaching search.

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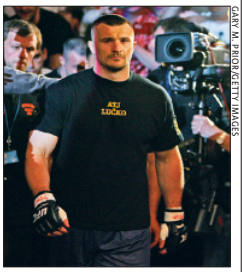

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Mirko "Cro Cop" Filipovic will be fighting on Saturday.

It is the classic tale of unrequited love. One party lives for their beloved. The other doesn't know the first one is alive. It is the story of the co-main event at this weekend's UFC 115.

Pat Barry grew up with a poster of Mirko "Cro Cop" Filipovic on his wall. Saturday they will fight, but Wednesday during the open workouts at Vancouver's Sheraton Wall Centre, Barry met his idol for the first time.

"I just walked straight into him while I'm doing an interview about him … I said 'I'll call y'all back' and shook his hand."

When asked what Barry said to Cro Cop: "Hi. You're the, you're the, I've always wanted to meet you."

Cro Cop doesn't carry himself as a man looking for a new friend. He's been in the MMA game for nearly 10 years compared to Barry's two. Cro Cop is focused on using this fight as a leap back into title contention. His 3-3 record in the UFC since coming over from Japan isn't sitting right. He's the first to tell you why.

"Money attracted me here … it's the worst motivation a fighter can have."

He adds that all changed when he saw himself falling off most Top 10 heavyweight rankings. Anger now fuels the fire.

The ever-affable Barry played the new UFC video game as himself recently and actually lost to Cro Cop. When informed of this the Croatian's response was simple.

"I've never played Playstation … I think it's not for a grown up man. My son who is seven is playing Playstation."

Celtics even series

'Big Baby' comes up big off Boston bench

(Series tied 2-2)

Lakers 89 Celtics 96

The Boston Celtics have tied up the NBA finals, and they owe it more to Big Baby than the Big Three.

Backup Glen (Big Baby) Davis scored half of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as the Celtics bench pulled away from the Los Angeles Lakers to win 96-89 on Thursday night and even the best-of-seven series at two games apiece.

Game 5 is Sunday night in Boston. The Celtics' win guaranteed them a trip back to Los Angeles and averted a 3-1 deficit that has never been overcome in NBA finals history.

"Just will, that's all it is," Davis said. "This is what legends are made of, this is where you grasp the moment. … Just play in the moment."

Kobe Bryant scored 33 points and Pau Gasol had 21 for the Lakers.

Paul Pierce scored 19, Kevin Garnett had 13 and Ray Allen bounced back from a seven-quarter shooting slump to score 12 points for Boston. But the new Big Three that led the Celtics to their 17th NBA title in 2008 — beating the Lakers in the finals — was on the bench for much of the fourth-quarter run that gave Boston the lead for good.

"They were fine. They were cheering," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said of the starters. "I don't think guys really care and that's why we're here, it really is. (Rajon) Rondo and the rest of them, they were begging me to keep guys in. 'Don't take them out! Don't take them out!' It was great. That's the loudest I've seen our bench, and it was the starters cheering from the bench. I thought it was terrific."

Bryant hit three straight three-pointers to give the Lakers a 62-58 lead with 1:25 left in the third. Davis' putback left the Celtics trailing by two points heading into the final quarter, and he scored on a reverse layup in the opening minute of the fourth to tie it.

Gasol made a basket to give L.A. the lead — its last of the game — before Allen scored, Davis followed, Allen made another basket and Davis followed with a three-point play that made it 71-64 with 8:22 left.

In all, the Celtics scored 13 of 15 points during a five-minute span when Allen was the only starter on the court, mostly with Davis, Rasheed Wallace, Nate Robinson and Tony Allen.

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Boston Celtic Paul Pierce lays the ball up over Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant during Game Four of the NBA Finals on Thursday.

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Refs staying on top of obscenities

The Brazilian referee and his assistants who will work Saturday's England-United States match at the World Cup have been studying English-language obscenities the players might use. They want to ensure players can't get away with abuse. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA World Cup

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Welcome the greatest show on Earth

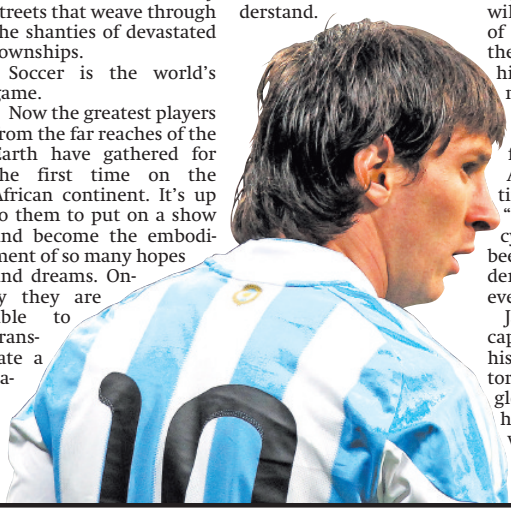
The World Cup stands alone. There is no need to qualify the title of this tournament with FIFA, (the governing body of international soccer), or to identify what sport we're talking about in the first place.

We all get it.

Having been to South Africa, I can assure you that regardless of circumstance, everyone plays. The rich and the poor, boys and girls, Zulu and Xhosa — they all chase the globe-like ball on lush green fields or in dusty streets that weave through the shanties of devastated townships.

Soccer is the world's game.

Now the greatest players from the far reaches of the Earth have gathered for the first time on the African continent. It's up to them to put on a show and become the embodiment of so many hopes and dreams. Only they are able to translate a cacophony of dialects into a common language that all of us can understand.



Lionel Messi

For a time, Wayne Rooney will be the lion of England, and Argentina will rely on the brilliance of Lionel Messi to write the next chapter in the history of that football-mad nation.

It's all about the players and how they reflect the fans.

As I watch our two distinguished analysts do "kick about" on the fancy television set that's been built at the CBC, I understand the World Cup is everything.

Jason de Vos, the former captain of Canada, took his team to a Gold Cup victory in 2000. He still juggles the ball deftly but he's feeling an overwhelming emotion.

"The world will be watching and in a multicultural country like Canada there are not one but 32 teams to mirror our fortunes."

"Envy," de Vos says. "I would love to be in their shoes. That's what it's all about — to pull on your country's jersey and compete at the World Cup. That's why I started playing as a seven-year-old. Unfortunately, I never got that chance."

But John Collins did. The smallish striker for Scotland scored against Brazil at the 1998 World Cup in France.

"You know you are representing your country," Collins says in a thick brogue.

"You know the whole nation is watching on television. Life comes to a standstill."

The world will be watching and in a multicultural country like Canada there are not one but 32 teams to mirror our fortunes.

The G20 summit can't come close to this.

The World Cup is, hands down, the greatest show on Earth.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Still looking for a side to get behind? It's all in the name

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Fans celebrate after the Australia Socceroos won the 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Tournament match against the New Zealand All Whites on May 24 in Melbourne.

There are 32 countries competing in the World Cup, but there are more than 250 countries in the world. That means millions of people will have to figure out another way to choose their team.

For many Canadians, it's easy to adopt another nation for the next 30 days because of our diverse heritage. Some may have parents that came from England, or immigrated from Nigeria, while others will root for Argentina because of the brilliant Lionel Messi. For those of us still undecided, why not look to the team's nicknames for inspiration?

The nicknames for all the World Cup participants can be split into four groups: Colours; animals; historical/national roots; and boring. The latter category will be ignored for obvious reasons.

Colours

Most of the colour-based nicknames are pretty lame, but a few stand out. The best in this category are Mexico (El Tri — the three-coloured), Netherlands (Oranje) and Italy (Azzurri — azure blue). The worst, for politically correct reasons, has to be New Zealand (All Whites).

Historical/National Roots:

There's a real mixed bag here. Japan (Samurai Blue) and South Korea (Taeguk Warriors) represent Asia well. The U.S., which goes by either The Yanks or The Stars and Stripes, disappoints with a lack of creativity. Denmark (Olsen's Eleven) and Honduras (Los Catrachos) are worthy of further investigation.

Animals:

This is where the good stuff is and the host continent Africa really shines. Algeria (Desert Foxes), Cote d'Ivoire (Elephants), Nigeria (Super Eagles) are all solid contenders, but Cameroon (Indomitable Lions) stands out. A match between it and England (The Three Lions) would be fun. The other interesting teams in this category are Australia (Socceroos) and Serbia (White Eagles).

I'm going to go with Spain (La Furia Roja — The Red Fury), which just rolls off the tongue. Plus my last name is Spanish — even if I'm only ⅛ Spanish myself — and it never hurts to back a contender.

In case you are wondering, Canada's most used nickname is Les Rouges (The Reds).

Perhaps if we came up with a better nickname we could inspire our troops to qualify for the next World Cup.

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It's been 15 years since the first Toy Story film hit theatres, and now the toys are back in town with Pixar's Toy Story 3.

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Neeson continues the '80s revival with The A-Team.

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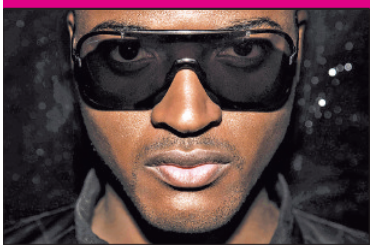

Taio Cruz enjoys a break out year with Break Your Heart.

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Skaarsgard and the rest of the True Blood gang are back.

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Toys back in the game

Threequel keeps the standards high, Pixar mascot reveals

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Woody, right, and Buzz Lightyear, centre, come out to play with Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear in Pixar's Toy Story 3.

Toy Story 3 opens next week

Over the past 15 years, Pixar has produced 11 films, starting with 1995's Toy Story. And John Ratzenberger has lent his voice for all of them.

The aptly dubbed Pixar mascot, Ratzenberger is back for Toy Story 3, reprising his role as Hamm the Piggy Bank.

"For me it's proof that God exists," Ratzenberger tells Metro about his tenure with the animation studio. "Because it's beyond my thinking of how this happened."

While the folks at Pixar are obviously fans of Ratzenberger, the actor insists the feeling is mutual. "The reason that Pixar is so good is because the standard started out extremely high and it stayed there," he explains.

"They didn't get lazy or get full of themselves or say, 'Let's just kick this one out because we can.' They put the same amount of energy and craft into every one of their films. So they keep the standard high, and that's why it's so wonderful working with them."

Still most recognizable for his work as postal worker and barfly Cliff Clavin on Cheers, Ratzenberger has kept busy beyond his Pixar work since the sitcom ended in 1993. A lot of that work, it turns out, has been for various charities and foundations.

"I'm not much for sitting around watching sports on the weekend, watching TV," he explains. "But if I see something that needs fixing, I like to see what I can do to help out. It goes back to, you know, if someone's barn burned down, the neighbours got together and helped rebuild it. I'm just one of those neighbours who shows up with the hammers and nails."

Over the past few years, Ratzenberger has become just as well known for his political outspokenness, even going so far as to suggest he'd run for Senate in his home state of Connecticut in 2012. While he claims those plans are currently on hold — "There's too much on my plate," he says — that doesn't mean he doesn't have a thing or two to say about the state of government.

"Whether it's Republican or Democrat, we're running out of people with common sense because everybody was told they needed to go to college and nobody ever got a real job," he says.

Cruising with Grossman
The rumours are true. Paramount has confirmed that it's working on a film based entirely around Lev Grossman — the swearing, dancing producer from Tropic Thunder played by Tom Cruise. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Agora fresh take on history

Agora
Director: Alejandro Amenabar
Stars: Rachel Weisz, Max Minghella
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Alejandro Amenabar's Agora plays as a curious antidote to the big-budget Christian epics like The Ten Commandments and Ben Hur that used to clog up cinemas.

Here is a Roman epic with all the grand vistas and lush production values of those films of the past, but rather than presenting an idealistic tale of Christianity triumphing over heathens, this is a story from the perspective of the skeptics.

The Christians are the villains in this sword 'n' sandals flick and while that's inevitably going to cut down on the audience appeal, it offers a refreshing take on a dead genre.

The film centres on the famed mathematician and philosopher Hypatia as she starts to uncover some important modern theories about the universe.

Unfortunately, she develops her theories during the dying days of the Roman Empire and her native city of Alexandria (along with its extraordinary library) are swiftly destroyed by rioting Christian zealots. It is an intriguing allegory for contemporary times, examining how logic and rational thinking can be destroyed by blind faith.

Agora made the rounds at festivals last year in a much longer and difficult version. It was ignored at the time, but now that director Alejandro Amenabar (The Others) has cut down his film significantly, it plays much better. At times, scenes feel truncated with a few awkward narrative gaps, but it's worth it as the movie is no longer weighed down with excessive discussion and the message is crystal clear.

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Arterton gets hitched

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Reel Time

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Young Smith kicks it up

The Karate **Kid**

Director: Harald Zwart
Stars: Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●½

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Jaden Smith, left, gets some tough love and training from Jackie Chan in The Karate Kid.

To anyone alive in the 1980s, the Karate Kid legend is a familiar one. In this reboot, Jaden Smith (son of Will and Jada) stars in the role Ralph Macchio made a Reagan era icon.

The story's been freshened by a move to Beijing but the filmmakers wisely kept the underdog coming-of-age tale front and centre. Smith plays Dre, a cocky 12-year-old recession victim. "There's nothing left for us in Detroit," says his mother (Taraji P. Henson) as they pack up and move so she can take a job at a Beijing car factory. There Dre is an outsider, experiencing clashes, both cultural and personal.

Falling for a pretty classmate (Wenwen Han) he runs afoul of schoolyard bully Cheng (Zhenwei Wang) who opens up a 40-ounce can of Bruce Lee on the newcomer. Alone and bruised Dre befriends maintenance man and kung fu master Mr. Han (Jackie Chan) who becomes the Yoda to Dre's Jedi. Han educates his pupil on the discipline of kung fu — there's no actual karate in the movie! — while Dre teaches his master a thing or two about real courage.

Smith is the film's centerpiece. He's clearly still a novice, but has inherited the best bits of his mother and father's collective gene pools (he got his mother's ears! Yay!) and has charisma to burn. He's not going to win an Academy Award for this one, but he capably carries a great deal of the movie on his 12-year-old back. He's ably assisted by co-star Jackie Chan, who after the recent, and truly awful, The Spy Next Door brings warmth and personality to Mr. Han.

• For a trailer of The Karate Kid, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Movie **morsels**

Get Him to the Greek

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REVIEW Just as comedy sage Judd Apatow made stars out of unlikely actors Seth Rogen and Jason Segel with respective hits, Get Him to the Greek aims to turn Russell Brand and Jonah Hill into Hollywood's latest A-listers. And it may just do it. A spin-off to the 2008 hit Forgetting Sarah Marshall, this tale about a record executive hopeful named Aaron (Hill) and his lascivious, out-of-control rock 'n' roll charge (Brand, reviving Marshall's Aldous Snow character) anchors gross-out gags by giving the bedlam a heart. .

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Shrek Forever After

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REVIEW The latest Shrek film makes a valiant effort of recapturing the tone and spirit of the original Shrek, with more wise-acre takes on fairy tale tropes and fewer obnoxious pop culture references. Tossing on a loose-fitting It's a Wonderful Life coat, the film picks up with Shrek (Mike Myers), Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and company enjoying their "happily ever after," although the ogre himself isn't so happy.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

Splice

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REVIEW Drawing obvious thematic and stylistic comparisons to the work of Canadian body horror icon David Cronenberg, fellow Canuck Vincenzo Natali's Splice is a triumph of psychosexual science fiction. Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley play lover geneticists who decide to blend human and animal genes for kicks and curiosity. The resulting beastie is Dren, a tadpole-by-way of H.R Giger-esque female that becomes their surrogate child and potentially career derailing secret.

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Quirky Micmacs pure bliss

Micmacs

Director: Jean-Pierre Jeunet
Stars: Danny Boon, Julie Ferrier
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Amelie director returns with the oddball Micmacs.

REVIEW In 1979 a soldier is blown up on a sand dune by a landmine. He leaves behind a son who grows up to be a movie obsessive working at a video store. One day a bizarre drive-by shooting leaves him with a bullet permanently lodged in his head.

He soon realizes that the weapon manufacturers that produced the mine and the bullet are located across the street from each other and plots his revenge.

That set up doesn't suggest the movie is a whimsical French comedy, but in the mind of the ingenious director Jean-Pierre Jeunet this leads to a story in which that man befriends a surreal group of garbage-dump-dwelling eccentrics who help him take down the arms dealers.

The team includes a human cannonball, a borderline autistic math genius, and an old man who can make art and complicated devices out of salvaged trash.

Micmacs feels like a loveletter to movies from director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, combining the pitch black humour and dark subject matter of his early work like Delicatessen with the lighthearted romantic whimsy he employed in Amelie.

Jeunet started out as a cartoonist and Micmacs feels like a live-action cartoon, filled with expressive cinematography and stylized art direction that bares favourable comparison to the works of Tim Burton or Terry Gilliam.

The movie won't be for everyone as the mix of dark subject matter and slapstick comedy will inevitably annoy as much as it enthralls.

But those in tune with Jeunet's unique sensibility (of which there are many) will find countless reasons to rewatch the film endlessly.

For those lucky viewers, Micmacs offers pure cinematic bliss.

Bradley Cooper, left, and Liam Neeson star in The A-Team.

Like the B-Team

The A-Team
Director: Joe Carnahan
Stars: Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Biel
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

As catchphrases go, "I love it when a plan comes together" is a particular 1980s standout.

But fans of the TV series The A-Team might find the new big-screen adaptation a little frustrating. While Hannibal (Liam Neeson, stepping into George Peppard's humidor) talks incessantly about plans and the importance of having them and executing them, he never actually utters the famous line.

And it's not like he doesn't have the opportunity, as this action movie has an overabundance of talk. It's too much plan, and not enough coming together. Or as Mr. T would say, "Quit your jibber jabber!"

Along with Neeson's Hannibal, the A-Team gets a decent upgrade with its casting. The 21st century versions of Face (Bradley Cooper), Murdoch (Sharlto Copley) and B.A. Baracus (Quinton "Rampage" Jackson) work well, with Jackson the weakest link — and somehow not very threatening, considering his Ultimate Fighting Championship background. Copley, though, is a standout, diving into the craziness of Murdoch with vigour.

As is fitting with a big, loud summer movie, the action sequences are spectacular, including a truck heist on the streets of Baghdad and a massive stunt involving a tank, a parachute and the fast-approaching ground.

These set-pieces are where the film really comes alive. It's just that there's too much talking between them. And a lot of that talk is recapping plot points or flashing back to earlier scenes, a sign the filmmakers don't trust their audience to keep up.

• For a trailer of The A-Team, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Graduates of karate school

InFocus
Richard Crouse
metronews.ca/infocus

Producers of this weekend's 1980s reboot, The Karate Kid with Jaden Smith, must be hoping for a little of the Ralph Macchio "wax on" magic to rub off on their film. The original movie, a 1984 crowd pleaser that made Macchio an underdog icon, grossed $90.8 million and spawned three sequels, all of which made money until the last one, sans Macchio, made only a tenth of the first.

The original series made Macchio and Pat Morita superstars but what happened to them and their Karate Kid alumni once the final tournament was over?

Macchio's years as a box office draw extended past Karate Kid III, but just barely. After parts in Crossroads and My Cousin Vinny he couldn't make the transition into adult roles.

Luckily he avoided the post fame pitfalls of other '80s kid actors like the Coreys but despite steady gigs in low budget film and episodic television he hasn't been able to shake the spectre of his most famous character.

Macchio's replacement in the franchise fared slightly better — like two Oscars better. In an attempt to inject some new bloo,d, the twenty-year-old Hilary Swank beat out hundreds of other girls to don Macchio's gi in The Next Karate Kid.

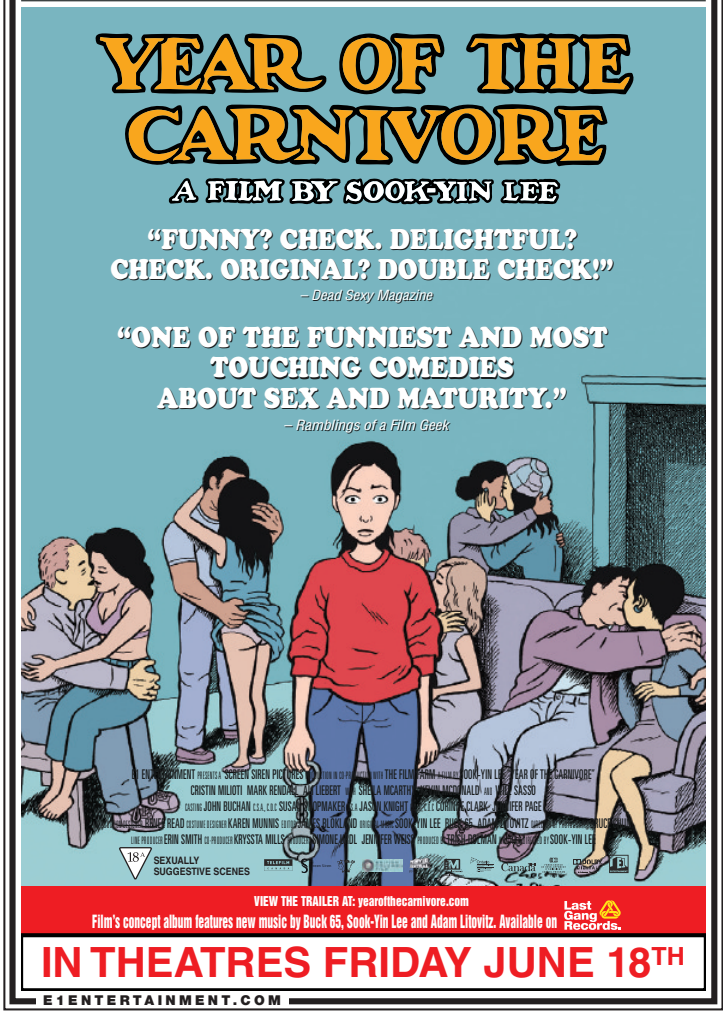
It was a flop critically — "The franchise is still kicking, but not very high," wrote Variety — and commercially but only slowed her career momentum momentarily. By 1996 she was working regularly and by 1999 it was Oscar time.

The only actor to appear in all four of the original movies was Pat Morita, who became the first American-born Asian actor nominated for an Oscar for his performance as sensei Miyagi in the first film.

It's impossible to imagine the films without him but he nearly didn't get the part. Producer Jerry Weintraub initially rejected Morita, claiming he was too well known as Arnold on Happy Days.

Determined to win the role Morita grew a beard, mimicked his Uncle's Japanese accent and screen tested. "When Jerry saw it, he said, 'That's what I want — a goddamn actor,' not realizing it was Pat," said the late actor's wife Evelyn.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.



Screen Times

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Beavers (STC) A.M. Fri-Thu 11
Gold Fever (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3
Journey to Mecca in the Footsteps of Ibn Battuta (STC) Sat-Sun 5
The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 3:45-7-9:30 Mon-Wed 7-9:30 Thu 7

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Babies (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3-5-7:25-9:10
Excited (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Mao's Last Dancer (G) Fri-Wed 2-4:20-7:10-9:30 Thu 2-4:20-9:30
Mother and Child (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:45
The Secret in Their Eyes (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20 Wed 1:30-4:10-9:20 Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Date Night (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Wed 5:50-8:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20-8 Mon-Wed 8
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:55-6:50-9:25 Mon-Wed 5:30-8:25
MacGruber (14A) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:20 Sun 1:30-4:15 Mon-Wed 5:25-8:10
Mao's Last Dancer (G) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-7-9:35 Mon-Wed 5:35-8:15
Oceans (G) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-3:50-7:15-9:45 Mon-Wed 5:40-8:20
The Secret in Their Eyes (14A) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:6:45-9:30 Mon-Wed 5:20-8:05
UFC 115: Liddell vs. Franklin (STC) Sat 7

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Me and Orson Welles (PG) Fri 9:45 Sat-Sun 3:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 9:45

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

The A-Team (PG) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-10 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 DTS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:10-8
The Karate Kid (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:8:15
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:35 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:20-8:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Casablanca (STC) Sat 2-8:45 Sun 6:45 Mon 8:45 Tue 1
Counterparts (STC) Wed 7:30
Rashomon (STC) Thu 7
Soundtrack for a Revolution (PG) Fri 7-8:45 Sat 7 Sun 5-8:45 Mon 7
Stray Dog (STC) Thu 8:45

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri 3-5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 3-5-7-9

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Carmen Bizet Opera (STC) A.M. Sat 10
Excited (STC) Mon 7
Micmacs (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:15 Mon 4-9:15 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:15

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
rioetheatre.ca

Back to the Future (STC) Fri
Back to the Future Part II (STC) Fri
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:20-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

The A-Team (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:50
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:45-10:45
The Karate Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:50-10:10 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:20-10:40
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7-10:30
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:10-6:30-9

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Agora (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:05-10
Exit Through the Gift Shop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:45-5-7:25-9:40
Get Him to the Greek (18A) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:45-1:05-2:25-3:45-5:05-6:25-7:45-9:05-10:25 No Passes Thu 11:45-1:05-2:25-3:45-6:25-9:05-10:25
Harry Brown (14A) Fri-Wed 11:55-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:35 Thu 11:55-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:35-11:45
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1:30-4-6:30-9 Wed 1:30-4-9 Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9
Jonah Hex (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Killers (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:30-1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:10-10:30 No Passes Thu 12:30-1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:10-10:30-11:30
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10

Get Him To The Greek is out in theatres now.

Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7-9:15
Splice (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-1-2:20-3:35-4:50-6:05-7:20-8:35-9:50
Toy Story 3 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

Have You Heard From Johannesburg? (STC) Fri-Wed
In Darkest Hollywood: Cinema & Apartheid (STC) Mon 6:30
Travels With Dolly & Legends fo Madiba (STC) Mon 6:30

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Shrek Forever After (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Killers (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri 7:15-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri 6:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 2-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:45
Splice (14A) Fri 7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The A-Team (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:20-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:50-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
The Karate Kid (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:30-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Marmaduke (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:40-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Robin Hood (14A) Fri 6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:10-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:40-2-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri 4-7:20-9:55 Sat 12:50-4-7:20-9:55 Sun 12:50-4-7:20 Mon-Thu 4-7:20
The Karate Kid (PG) No Passes Fri 3:50-7:10 No Passes Sat 12:40-3:50-7:10 No Passes Sun 12:40-3:50-7 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-7
Marmaduke (G) Fri 4:55-7:10-9:30 Sat 12:25-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:30 Sun 12:25-2:40-4:55-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:10
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri 3:55-7:05-9:45 Sat 12:45-3:55-7:05-9:45 Sun 12:45-3:55-7:05 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:05
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri 3:45-6:55-10:05 Sat 12:35-3:45-6:55-10:05 Sun 12:35-3:45-6:55 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:55
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri 5-7:15-9:35 Sat 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:35 Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:15

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The A-Team (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-7-7:35-10-10:35 No Passes Sat 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-7-7:35-10-35-10:50 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-7-7:35-10-10:35
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:20-10:30
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-4:05-7:25-10:50
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Killers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:20-10:20
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri 12:40-3:50-6:50-10:15 Sat 12:40-3:50-10:15 Sun 12:40-3:50-6:50-10:15
Marmaduke (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:35-9:15
Panjaban (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:30-8
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-1:10-3:20-4:20-6:55-7:40-9:55-10:45
Raajneeti (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:45-9
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:25-6:40-10:10
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Wed 12:15-2-3:35-6:30-7:05-10:05-10:40 Thu 12:15-3:35-6:30-7:05-10:05-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed 1-4-10 Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Shrek Forever After: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Wed 1:30-4-6:30-9
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4-7:45-10:40
UFC 115: Liddell vs. Franklin (STC) Sat 7

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The Karate Kid (PG) Fri 4:15-7:9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:45
Marmaduke (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The A-Team (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-4:20-7:35-10:30
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-7:30-10:35
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:40-9:50
The Karate Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:45-7:20-10:45 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:10
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Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:10:15
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:25-10:40
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:35-7:05-9:30
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-7:15-10

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Date Night (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
Letters to Juliet (G) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
MacGruber (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20
Marmaduke (G) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Robin Hood (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
Singam (STC) Fri 4-7:35 Sat-Sun 1-4:35-8 Mon-Thu 4-7:35

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The A-Team (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:40-3:30-4:10-7:05-7:35-10:10-10:40
Babies (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-10-5:15-7:40
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25
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Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 11:35-3:05-6:35-9:55
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Tue 11:40-12:30-3:10-3:50-6:40-7:10-10-10:35 Wed 11:40-3:10-4-6:40-7:10-10-10:35 Thu 11:40-12:30-3:10-3:50-6:40-7:10-10-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri 1:20-4-6:45 Sat 1:20-4 Sun-Thu 1:20-4-6:45
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-12:15-2-2:45-4:35-5:15-7:15-7:45-9:40-10:15
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:25-10:40
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SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Shrek Forever After (G) Sat-Sun 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Date Night (PG) Fri 8:45 Sat 2:45-8:45 Sun-Thu 8:45
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Sat 12:45
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Thu 4:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 4:45-6:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:45
Letters to God (STC) Fri-Thu 4:45-6:45
MacGruber (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Robin Hood (14A) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

The A-Team (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:20-10:10
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:40-10:20
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
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Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:40
Raajneeti (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-4-8:10
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Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Wed 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Thu 12:15-2:30-5-7:30-10
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The Karate Kid (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15-4:15-6:30-7:30-9:45
Killers (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:55-9:30
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Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:40-10:35
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:05-6:50-9:30
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:40-10:35
The Karate Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:25-7:10:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:30-10:45
Killers (PG) Fri 12:10-3:35-7:20-10:25 Sat 12:10-3:35-7:20-10:45 Sun-Tue 12:10-3:35-7:20-10:25 Wed 12:10-7:20-10:25 Thu 12:10-3:35-7:20-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
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Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:30-2:30-3-5:05-5:30-7:35-7:50-10:10-10:20
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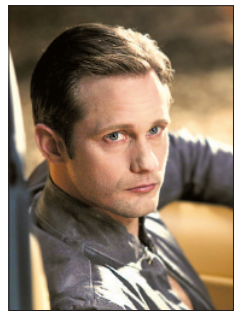
Susan Boyle to perform for Pope

The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland says singing sensation Susan Boyle will likely perform for Pope Benedict XVI at an open-air papal Mass in Glasgow's Bellahouston Park on Sept. 16 as part of the Pope's tour of Britain later this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

Sexy supernatural drama True Blood is back

As its love triangle heats up, fans will pick sides



True Blood stars stephen Moyer (left) and Alexander Skarsgard.

Sorry, Robert Pattinson — no one does sexy vampire quite like Stephen Moyer and Alexander Skarsgard, stars of the ultra-hot undead hit True Blood.

As the series picks up its third season on Sunday, our human heroine, Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin), reluctantly turns to dangerous ally Eric (Skarsgard) to track down her kidnapped boyfriend, Bill (Moyer, Paquin's real-life fiancé).

It's a love triangle that's going to pit fans against each other over which bloodsucker best deserves Sookie's affections.

The actors make the case for both Team Bill and Team Eric.

On vampires

MOYER: I think people are interested in (True Blood and Twilight) because ultimately, at the heart of both these stories, are two men who are very respectful of their women and who treat their women in a very old-fashioned way. It's courtliness, but they're men. Vampires usually come from (an era when) manners and charm and treating women right was very much paramount. But they were still men. They weren't some kind of metrosexual being pushed around, and I think that women like that about what vampires represent.

SKARSGARD: I know after reading the books (by Charlaine Harris, on which the series is based) that people really like the character. But shooting it, I can't think about that. I don't read blogs about who he is or what people think I should do, because that would kind of make me very insecure. I created the character and he's a part of me, so obviously I hope that people like him.

On his character's appeal

MOYER: I think it's the struggle that makes Bill interesting. He tries so hard to lead a decent life and not pray on innocents and to live in a moral universe, but he's still a vampire. And when somebody f—s him off, he reacts like a vampire. He doesn't react like a human and I like that.

SKARSGARD: I think there's a tremendous amount of confidence in Eric because he has been around for a millennium. He knows that he's stronger than all the other vampires; he's not even challenged by them. He's not trying to prove himself 'cause he doesn't have to; he's very grounded in that sense. Eric knows what he wants and he knows how to get it and there's no two ways about it. You don't mess with a guy like that.

On his sexiest scene

MOYER: We have some weird crazy mud sex, and there's some very odd, weird biting and some odd blood sucking and blood swapping, but ultimately it's a love story.

SKARSGARD: Fans of the books are going to want to see the Eric-Sookie dynamic take off . What I think makes (the story) really interesting is when it's kind of forbidden love, and when there's conflict. And love triangles are]very much more interesting than love lines. We know that Bill loves Sookie, and that she loves him. What happens in the future, God knows, but there is a connection between them that's very important.

TV's Jonathan Torrens back for second season

COMEDY Has TV become so completely ridiculous that it is beyond parody?

Jonathan Torrens explores that premise with the second season of TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens premiering Saturday night on TVTropolis.

Through Talk Soup-style snarky commentary, parody sketches and actual man-in-the-street interviews, the Halifax-based series slices and dices TV, like Vince goes through potatoes on those slap chop infomercials.

The Charlottetown-native has crammed a network line-up worth of TV shows into his own career. Now 37, he got his first taste of national exposure 20 years ago as a teen host on the CBC series Street Cents.

Since then, he's been a perennial presence in Canadian TV, appearing on CBC shows like Jonovision, as ridiculous rapper J-Roc on Trailer Park Boys and even in U.S. reality shows such as the short-lived Joe Schmo. He's already landed his next high-profile gig, as co-host of Canwest's upcoming edition of the stunt gamer Wipeout Canada.

"The prize is $50,000 per episode," says Torrens, who will offer commentary while Canadians try to bounce past parts of the extreme obstacle course. Thrill seekers 18 and older can apply until July 1, with the show set to air early in 2011.

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FRIDAY 6/11/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey		To Be Announced				CBC News: The National		Soccer
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Access H.	Medium Allison is mugged.		Flashpoint (CC)		Miami Medical "Diver Down"		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Friday Night Lights (CC)		Waterlife (2009, Documentary) Premiere. (CC)				News
	256	389	12 VI	Canada's Worst Driver		Past Life (CC)		Stargate Atlantis (CC)		Stargate Atlantis "Sateda"		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Mantracker (CC) (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 "Implosion"		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Rabid" (CC)		Supernatural "The End"		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Medium Allison is mugged.		Flashpoint (N) (CC)		Miami Medical "Diver Down"		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	NHL Hockey		To Be Announced						KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	2010 FIFA World Cup Kick-Off Celebration Concert (CC)				20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	House "Wilson" (PA) (CC)		The Good Guys (CC)		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	23 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Africa on the Move		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Colorado Rockies.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off-Record	Boxing Mayweather vs. Mosley & Cintron vs. Williams.				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	She's the Man ★★ (2006) Amanda Bynes, James Kirk. (CC)					Survive This	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	The Phantom ★★ (1996, Action) Billy Zane.		
	268	354	5 KNO	Pkt Desert	Red Run	Poirot "Wasps' Nest" (CC)		Dalziel & Pascoe (CC)		Tom Dowd & the Language of Music (2003)		
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT's Greatest		Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Jim
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
cable variety	521	560	34 TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis "The Source"		Grizzly Rage (2007) Tyler Hoechlin, Kate Todd. (CC)				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits (CC)
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) Pretty Woman ★★★ (1990) (CC)			Neighbors	(:10) Yours, Mine & Ours ★★ (2005) Dennis Quaid. (CC)				Dan Real
	603	561	52 FN	Diners	Diners	CheF OFF!	Thirsty	Diners, Drive	Unwrapped	Wild Chef	Bobby Flay	Diners
	-	-	53 AMC	(5:00) Eraser	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen ★★ (2003) Sean Connery. (CC)					They Live ★★ (1988) Roddy Piper. (CC)		
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:25) Shred 2 (2009) (CC)		Halloween II ★ (2009) Malcolm McDowell.			(:45) RocknRolla ★★ (2008) Gerard Butler. (CC)			
	581	566	101 MTV	2010 MTV Movie Awards		Sex News	MTV Live	1 girl 5 gays	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Movie Night	MTV Live

SATURDAY 6/12/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Laughs	World Cup Soccer Match of the Day. (CC)					Rick Mercer	News	The Hour
	250	321	9 CTV	W5 (CC) (DVS)		She Drives Me Crazy (2007, Drama) Melinda Clarke. (CC)				Comedy Now!	Comedy Inc.	CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Jane Show	renegade	Behind the Wall (2008) Lindy Booth. Premiere. (CC)				Megastructures (CC)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	Road to Avonlea		Defying Gravity "Threshold"		A Lover's Revenge (2005) Alexandra Paul. (CC) (DVS)				Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	Deluxe Combo Platter ★★ (2004) Marla Sokoloff.				Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	The Full Monty ★★★ (1997, Comedy) Robert Carlyle.				CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	Three Rivers (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Bombers" (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order "Immortal"		Law & Order "Love Eternal"		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Bachelorette The men must maximize their time. (CC)				Castle "Sucker Punch"		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Wanda Sykes
news	502	390	23 NW	Greatest Streakers		National	Issue	National	Mansbridge	Greatest Streakers		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Atlanta Child Murders				Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Connected		Ultimate Fight
	400	400	30 TSN	NASCAR Racing		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Poker		Poker		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Cats & Dogs ★★ (2001, Comedy) Jeff Goldblum. (CC)				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	Hidden Buddha		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders A glassware factory faces hardship.				Tom Dowd
	575	583	20 CMT	Lady Antebellum:		CMT on the Beach Jamaica.		Gilmore Girls (CC)		Gilmore Girls (CC)		Tuckerville
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Cyber-lebrity"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
cable variety	521	560	34 TLC	Cellblock 6: Female Lock Up		American Chopper (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		Police
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (2008) Dougray Scott. (CC)				The Bucket List ★★ (2007) (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	Catch Me	(:40) The Holiday ★★ (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law. (CC)					(:15) Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ★★		
	603	561	52 FN	Top Chef Masters (CC)		Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Chopped "Fired Up!" (CC)		Top Chef
	-	-	53 AMC	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang ★★★ (2005) Robert Downey Jr.				Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World ★★★ (2003)				
	320	621	60 CEN	(5:55) Tropic Thunder ★★★		Funny People ★★ (2009) Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen. Premiere.				(:35) Sunshine Cleaning (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	MTV Live	1 girl 5 gays	After	Cribs (CC)	Sex News	After

SUNDAY 6/13/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Laughs	World Cup Soccer Match of the Day. (CC)					CBC News: The National		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Degrassi	Degrassi	Confessions of a Sociopathic Social Climber (2005) (CC)				Flashpoint "Clean Hands"		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9-Picture	Family	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Tucson	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)		Make It or Break It "Pilot"		Corky Romano ★ (2001) Chris Kattan, Vinessa Shaw. (CC)				New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	America's Got Talent (CC)		How I Met	How I Met	Murdoch Mysteries		Survivorman (CC) (DVS)		Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami "Blood Brothers"		CSI: NY (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The 64th Annual Tony Awards Honoring excellence on Broadway. (Same-day Tape) (CC)						KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		Losing It With Jillian (CC)		Last Comic Standing Auditions begin in Los Angeles.				KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	NBA Basketball		J. Kimmel	News	(:01) Secrets of the Code "The Da Vinci Code."				News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death (N)	Tucson	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	Doc Zone "Air India 182" (CC)				CBC News: The National		Doc Zone "Air India 182" (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Atlanta Child Murders				Newsroom		State/Union
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Saturday Night Poker		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	NBA Basketball		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Fight Sports		E:60 (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Mr. Magorium's Wonder		Kid vs. Kat	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Total Drama	Total Drama Action Reunion		Total Drama	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
	268	354	5 KNO	Search for the SS Republic		The Royal (CC)		George Gently A man's body is found near an RAF base.				Get Up Stand
	575	583	20 CMT	Meet-Wilsons	Meet-Wilsons	Johnny Reid Live		Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Funniest Home Videos		Hope & Faith
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
cable variety	521	560	34 TLC	The World's Fattest Man		Cake Boss: Ultimate Cake		Extreme Poodles (CC)		The World's Fattest Man		Paint
	616	522	35 SHO	Intelligence (CC)		Criminal Intent (2005) Linda Purl, Vanessa Angel. (CC)				Elizabeth: The Golden Age ★★ (2007)		
	294	650	47 TBS	Forrest Gump (:43) Forrest Gump ★★★ (1994, Drama) (PA) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. (CC)							(:45) The Weather Man ★★	
	603	561	52 FN	Dinner	Dinner	Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	53 AMC	Breaking Bad "Full Measure" Walt and Jesse's safety.				(8:47) Breaking Bad (CC)		(9:55) Breaking Bad (CC)		Mad Men
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:10) Baby Mama ★★ (CC)		My One and Only ★★ (2009) Premiere.			(:45) Everything's Gone Green ★★★ (2006, Comedy) (CC)			
	581	566	101 MTV	The Challenge		The Challenge		1 girl 5 gays	Downtown	The Challenge		Challenge

Top albums on the Billboard 200

1. To the Sea, Jack Johnson, left; 2. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 3. Glee: The Music, Volume 3; 4. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 5. Raymond V Raymond, Usher. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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HMV POP ALBUM CHART

1 To the Sea, Jack Johnson
2 Bionic - Christina Aguilera
3 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse Soundtrack, Various Artists
4 Glee: The Music, Journey to Regionals, Glee Cast
5 Glee: The Music, Volume 3: Showstoppers, Glee Cast
6 The Grand Bounce, Gord Downie and the Country of Miracles
7 The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
8 My World 2.0, Justin Bieber
9 Rokstarr, Taio Cruz
10 Summer Sessions 10, Daniel Desnoyers

HMV COUNTRY ALBUM CHART

1 Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
2 Recollection, k.d. lang
3 Foundation, Zac Brown Band
4 Revolution, Miranda Lambert
5 Play On, Carrie Underwood
6 Fearless, Taylor Swift
7 Crazy Heart Soundtrack, Various Artists
8 Lady Antebellum, Lady Antebellum
10 Court Yard Hounds, Court Yard Hounds

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Taio Cruz's breakout year

U.K. artist's new album includes chart-topping hit Break Your Heart

NICK KREWEN
for Metro Canada

Nobody can deny that with his global chart-topping dance pop smash Break Your Heart, the invigorating new single Dynamite and a hot selling album with Rokstarr, Taio Cruz is enjoying a breakout year.

But the London, U.K.,-based Cruz — born Adetayo Ayowale Onile-Ere — comes by much of his production pedigree from America. In his early 20s, he apprenticed with producers Chris "Tricky" Stewart (Rihanna, Beyoncé, Britney) and Rich Harrison (Beyoncé, Alicia Keys) in Atlanta.

"I'm an information sponge — I like to learn from people who know a lot more than I do, and then try to apply it to what it is that I do," Cruz told Metro during a promotional stop in Toronto this week. "I was very excited to work with Tricky and all those guys because they're amazing and have made so many hit records. I wanted to learn production tips and songwriting techniques and other bits and pieces. I honed my skills."

Cruz, 27, whom Universal Music Canada reports has sold more than 160,000 copies of Rokstarr here, says his U.K. musical pals had some interesting ideas about U.S. pop music.

"Everyone had this idea that American music used some sort of magic dust to make it sound so good," he chuckles. "Some of my friends thought it was the current, because the electricity standard is different in America and it affects the sound waves.

"I learned that the reason the music sounds so good is that they use the best of everything. They're not afraid to spend money."

Taio Cruz has already sold more than 160,000 copies of Rokstarr here in Canada.

Cruz almost scored another bonus working with Tricky: He was there when Terius "The Dream" Nash wrote Rihanna's No. 1 smash Umbrella and actually recorded one of the song's very first demos.

"I thought it was an amazing song," Cruz recalls. "I really wanted to release it, but as you do as a songwriter, you send it out to various people and loads of different artists, and Jay-Z loved it for Rihanna. The rest is history."

Besides his distinctive synthesized Euro pop sound, Taio Cruz is trying to make history of his own, as Rokstarr isn't only the name of his sophomore album, but his own line of hip sunglasses. Cruz has plans to expand Rokstarr shortly into offering watches, fragrance and luggage.

"I'd love for the Rokstarr empire to be as big as Apple one day," says Cruz. "Steve Jobs and Apple — they're my inspiration."

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The dashboard options being offered in the 2011 Audi A8.

Miserable sales signal end of CDs

SoundCheck

Here's a prediction: Years from now, historians will point to the late spring of 2010 as the time when physical sales of music entered the terminal stage of its illness. Here's why.

Album sales collapsed catastrophically in May. For the week ending May 30, only 4,984,000 albums were sold in all of America. That's new releases AND catalogue titles sold by everyone from Wal-Mart on down. It's estimated that sales haven't sucked this much since sometime in the 1970s. Compare that to the good ol' days of December 2000 when 45.4 million albums moved out of stores in a single week.

It's been a perfect storm, really. A lack of major releases combined with increasing interest in a la carte digital sales (i.e. a preference to buy individual songs rather than full albums) has created a negative vector. Add in the ever-present boogieman of illegal downloading and we have fewer and fewer people buying music on CD. Even the reborn vinyl craze can't help.

And although we may see seasonal spikes in physical album sales for a few years, there are other things conspiring to kill off the CD.

Improved streaming services to mobile devices: With the introduction of multi-tasking in version 4.0 of the iPhone/iPad software this week, it'll soon be possible to listen to services like Pandora (well, for Americans, anyway) or radio tuner apps (at least we can do that) in the background while doing something else.

Online services that allow you to store music on your device: Spotify, Slacker and the new Rdio (brought to you by the same people who gave us Skype and Kazaa) now allow subscribers to cache music. That means users can listen to songs without having to connect to the Internet. Too bad Canadians are still being shut out of this technology.

Music consumption habits of young people: There's an entire generation that has built their media lives around computers, MP3 players and smart phones. Technology makes it possible for them to access virtually any song anytime they want it from wherever they are. Why do they need to physically possess the music?

New media centres in automobiles: If you want to see the future of your dashboard, look at the A/V options being offered in the 2011 Audi A8. Wow.

The times, they are a-changin'.

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Freeman joins World Cup committee

Actor Morgan Freeman, who portrayed Nelson Mandela in the movie Invictus about the 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa, has joined the committee trying to bring soccer's World Cup back to the United States in 2018 or 2022. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Out

Mix of Six

Arthur Erickson House and Garden Foundation Tours

When: Until Oct. 31
Where: Arthur Erickson Garden

Tours of the architect's Japanese garden. Tix: $15.

International Story-telling Festival

When: All weekend
Where: Dr. Sun-Yat Sen Chinese Garden

The festival consists of concerts, workshops, daytime performances, and storytelling through dance. vancouverstorytelling.org.

Bard On The Beach

When: Opens Sunday
Where: Vanier Park

Vancouver's annual celebration of Shakespeare this summer will open with Much Ado About Nothing.

Chinatown Night Market

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Main and Keefer Streets

Traditional Asian handicrafts, clothing, accessories and food. Runs all summer from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

UFC 115

When: Saturday, 3 p.m..
Where: GM Place

UFC legends Chuck Liddell and Rich Franklin fight in the main event. Tix: StubHub.com, eBay.

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 World Cup Soccer

SPORTS One of the most popular sports returns, and this time South Africa is hosting the world's best soccer, um, football players. The FIFA World Cup Trophy, which is handed out once every four years, is one of the most desired in sports.

2 The Bearded Gentleman

BOOKS With summer vacations here, why not cut back on the shaving and learn to style your facial hair? This book provides tips on how to avoid some of the nasties — like in-grown hairs — and how to achieve a groomed look if you do decide to sprout some whiskers.

3 Youth in Revolt

DVD Everyone's favourite Canadian actor, Michael Cera, hits the video store shelves with Youth in Revolt on Tuesday. Cera plays Nick Twisp, who creates an alter ego to help him win over the ladies.

4 Morrissey, Soothsayer?

POP CULTURE Did the former Smith's member predict the death of Princess Diana? Well, one person with a lot of time on his hands thinks so. This YouTube video lays out the interesting connection between the singer, the princess and music. Is it true? Who knows. Visit metronews.ca/columns to see it.

5 Lady Gaga's Alejandro

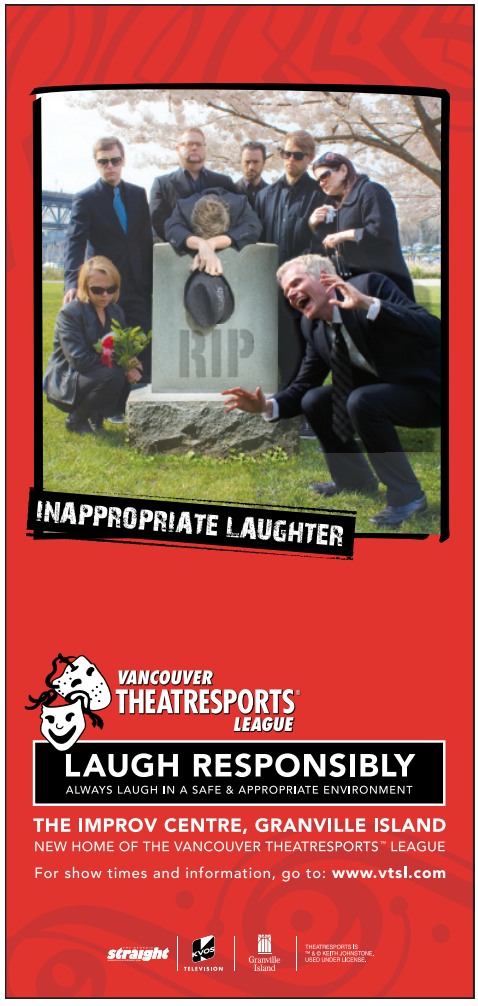
MUSIC Launched at noon last Tuesday, Gaga's newest video became the top trending topic in Canada — if not the world. Visit metronews.ca/columns to see it.

6 Love at First Bite

COOKING Now you can eat like the characters in the hit book and movie series — well, at least the ones who do eat. This unofficial Twilight cookbook offers easy, medium and hard skill level recipes so cooks of all ages can create gastronomical creations.

7 Skinny Cargo

FASHION Tired of the skinny jean trends? Then you're in luck — now it's skinny cargo. Instead of having to worry about two pockets adding bulk to your frame, now there are multiple pockets to contend with.



Mainly because they had exhausted the pool of all other available partners
Denise Richards has reportedly rekindled her old relationship with Richie Sambora, according to the National Enquirer. The pair have apparently been dating for weeks now, but have kept it quiet. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lohan mulling Apprentice bid

MAYBE SHE'S ALSO ADDICTED TO GETTING FIRED Despite her recent troubles, Lindsay Lohan may have at least one new job offer on the table, and this one comes from Donald Trump.

The mogul is looking to include Lohan in the next season of his Celebrity Apprentice reality show, according to Page Six. "Donald is a friend of the family, and producers of Celebrity Apprentice have approached Lindsay to appear in the next season," her mom, Dina Lohan, says.

"She's deciding if she wants to do it or not, but she currently has three films in production, so she's very busy."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Dress shopping fuels wedding whispers for Bradley and Renee

NOW LET'S CHECK TO SEE WHICH ONE HAS A NEW MOVIE TO PROMOTE A recent shopping trip has sources speculating that Renee Zellweger and Bradley Cooper are planning on tying the knot soon, according to Star magazine. Zellweger was spotted spending two hours browsing at the Caroline Herrera boutique in West Hollywood with racks of wedding dresses nearby, and she ended up leaving with garment bag over her arm. "She just kept smiling when asked if she's getting married," a source says. To top that off, she and Cooper were spotted in New York days later taking her parents to lunch.

METRO WORLD NEWS

CelebTweets

Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

KATY PERRY has standards, **LINDSAY LOHAN** continues to believe everything is about her, **RUSSELL BRAND** is a disappointed tourist, but **JOEL MCHALE** is very much enjoying his vacation.

@katyperry Using blasphemy as entertainment is as cheap as a comedian telling a fart joke.

@lindsaylohan Its almost as if the gov't & news outlets distract from real world issues on purpose coz gov't doesn't have answers

@rustyrockets Melbourne, it is raining. Your tourist industry have lied to us. I am going to get revenge by strangling the first koala i meet.

@joelmchale In Paris. In a convenience store. An eight yr old at the cash register sold me 2 Stella Artois'. France might be my 2nd favorite country.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

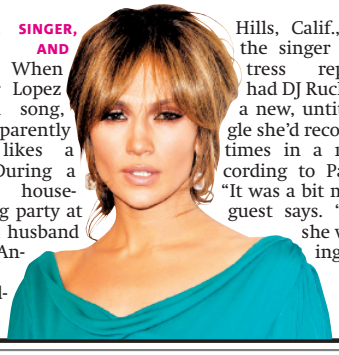
When Snooki met Aniston

EXCEPT JENNIFER ACTUALLY THOUGHT SHE WAS MEETING AN OOMPA LOOMPA Being on a popular reality TV show has its privileges, and one of them is getting to meet your idols, as Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi learned recently when she and her fellow castmembers got the chance to hang out with Jennifer Aniston. "She is so beautiful and so nice in person. That's honestly the first time I got starstruck," Polizzi tells Us Weekly. "I was hoping she would know who I was, but I don't think so. I said, 'Hi, I'm Snooki, I'm a really big fan and you are gorgeous.' She said, 'Thank you.' She was so polite. I was scared to even talk! I was nervous."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lopez debuts new song ... over and over and over

ACTRESS, SINGER, DANCER, AND SADIST When Jennifer Lopez likes a song, she apparently really likes a song. During a recent housewarming party at she and husband Marc Anthony's new Hidden Hills, Calif., estate, the singer and actress reportedly had DJ Ruckus play a new, untitled single she'd recorded six times in a row, according to Page Six. "It was a bit much," a guest says. "I guess she was testing it out."



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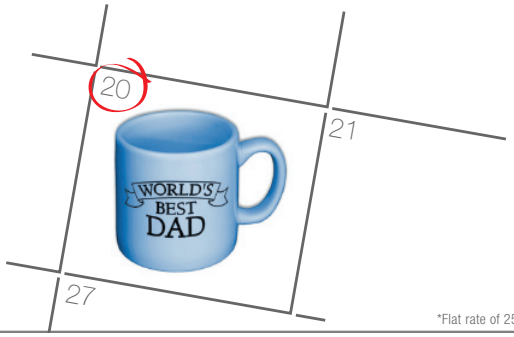

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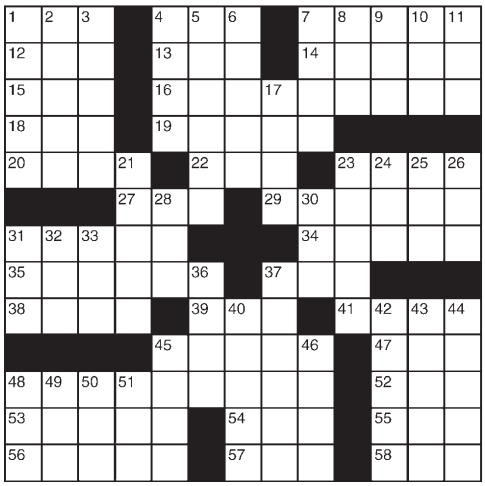

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Type measures
4 Corroded
7 Went sledding, maybe
12 Cowboy's sweetie
13 Peregrinate
14 Ultraviolet filter
15 Serengeti critter
16 Congratulates with a slap
18 Novelist Radcliffe
19 Anticipate
20 Tatters
22 Exist
23 Willy Wonka's creator
27 Have
29 Fairway shots
31 Isaac Newton's inspiration
34 Fix a text
35 Onions' kin
37 First lady
38 Prong
39 Fuss
41 Crooned
45 "All My Children" role
47 Hide-hair link
48 Cat's stat
52 G-man's org.
53 Scent
54 Indivisible
55 Poorly
56 Started
57 Afternoon social
58 Aviv preceder

DOWN

1 Actress Samantha
2 Food from heaven
3 Threw, in a way
4 Turkish title
5 Formosa's other name
6 Bergen or Buchanan
7 Hay storage area
8 9mm submachine gun
9 Head of st.
10 Compass dir.
11 — Moines
17 Wasted no time
21 Figure out
23 Thin coins
24 Rd.
25 Coop occupant
26 Leary's drug
28 Tiny
30 Cleric's title (Abbr.)
31 Performance
32 — Beta Kappa
33 Wrestling win
36 Rani's wrap
37 Of a Tertiary epoch
40 Duffer's digging
42 Not suited (for)
43 Aristocratic
44 Barbecue surface
45 Verve
46 On an ocean liner, maybe
48 Apprehend
49 Rage
50 Yule quaff
51 Ostrich's cousin

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Seafood-stuffed Flounder

INGREDIENTS:

1 kg fresh or frozen and thawed skinless flounder, sole, or other fish fillets
500 g fresh sea scallops or peeled, deveined, fresh large shrimp
1 package frozen chopped spinach
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup low-sodium herb stuffing mix
1/2 cup light sour cream
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 large egg, lightly beatens
Paprika

METHOD:

1. Rinse fish and pat dry. In large pot, bring 4 cups water to boil; add scallops and cook 1 to 3 minutes or just until scallops turn opaque. Drain scallops; cut into quarters. Cook spinach and onion according to directions on spinach package; drain well, pressing out excess liquid with paper towels. In medium-size bowl, using heavy spoon, slightly crush stuffing mix. Stir in spinach-onion mixture, stuffing mix, sour cream, Parmesan cheese and egg. Mix well. Carefully stir in scallops.

2. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Measure length of fillets. Cut long fillets or overlap thinner ends of 2 short fillets to make pieces 18 to 20 cm in length. Spread about 1/2 cup of scallop mixture evenly on top of each fish piece. Roll fish pieces up, starting from narrow ends. Secure each roll with toothpicks. Place rolls, seam side down, in lightly greased 33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm baking dish.

3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with fork. To serve, carefully remove toothpicks and sprinkle fish rolls with paprika.

SERVES 8

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may feel sorry for someone you meet today but don't let your sympathy show or they will play on your feelings. Pretend you don't care.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It does not matter what other people believe, it matters only that you have a right to be different. Others don't have to approve of your actions.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Just this once it might be wise to meet a rival or competitor halfway, especially if they can help your ambitions get off the ground.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You need to deal with a family quarrel positively rather than hide your head in the sand and hope that it goes away.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you go to extremes you will encourage others to be extreme as well, and the situation could quickly get out of hand.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A few days from now you will know for certain if something you have been planning stands a realistic chance of success.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The planets are warning you not to push yourself too hard or to allow your emotions to dictate your actions.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Do something original and stand out from the crowd. By nature you are a leader rather than a follower, so be brave and be different.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you are honest about the negative aspects of a relationship today you can quite easily turn those negatives into positives.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have what it takes to win a battle of wits, either at work or in your social circle, but you would be wise not to make too big an issue of it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be true to who you are and what you believe, even if it means you clash with someone in a position of power.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You need to be open and honest, and even-handed, with everyone, even those who are not always fair-minded with you.

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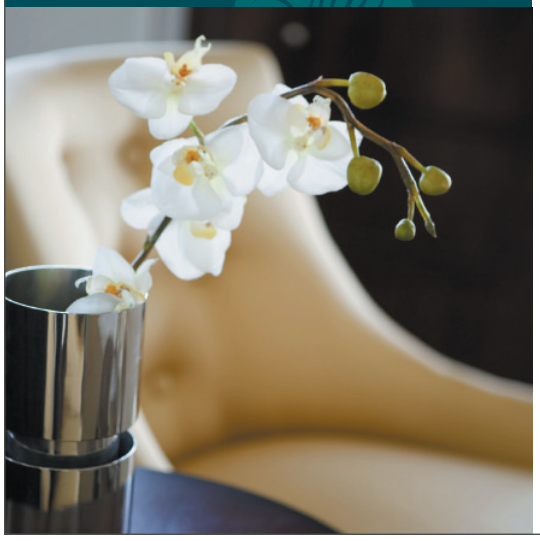

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